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The New Manse

Photo By E. W. Merrill.

THE VERSTOVIAN takes pleasure in presenting to its readers a picture of the new manse, and we join with Rev. and Mrs. Diven's many friends in heartiest felicitations. The old manse had become unlivable, so bad that nobody in Sitka would endorse any sort of movement towards its renovation. With promptness and energy Rev. Diven laid a complete survey of the situation before the Board, receiving immediate assurance that a proper house would be built.

The manse is a Portland bungalow, constructed of Washington fir throughout. The structure rests upon heavy concrete walls whose base rests upon the bed-rock. The large basement is entirely of concrete, and the heavy brick chimneys rest upon concrete bases also reaching to bed-

rock. The American Radiator Company's "Arco Ideal" hot water heater is installed in the basement and heats the first floor. The ground plan is 34 ft. 10 in. X 44 ft. 10 in., and the first floor has kitchen, dining room, living room, office, two bedrooms, bathroom and commodious hall. There are three rooms and a large hall on the second floor,—which is half-story—the smallest room in the house being in the front gable, 12 ft. X 13 ft. 6 in. The first floor presents such compact arrangement as fully justifies the assertion that there is not one square foot of unused floor space. Large closets have been conveniently placed on both floors, and the cavernous space between the walls and the roof, upstairs, has been made accessible for storage of boxes,

trunks etc.

The building, with heater, bath and fireplace, cost \$4150.00, and the local Presbyterian people expended an additional \$250.00 in new furnishings such as range, rug, chairs, blinds and curtain materials, also for the electric fixtures. And the crown of all this combination of compactness and convenience is the fact that there is ever a place and a welcome there, whether the visitor be native or white; not even Contractor T. F. McGraw could build that into the house. It came with the Board's appointee, Rev. Mr. Diven, and his hospitable wife.

Here's congratulation for the Board, Rev. and Mrs. Diven, the local church, and everybody who has taken an interest in this enterprise!

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Raynor Garey, Editor

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A Christmas Thought.

"Peace on earth, good will to men" sounds almost like irony in face of the happenings of the world to-day, and only when we realize that, in times past, just as great upheavals for their age were going on as at the present day, with the world recovering from them and Christianity advancing and leading civilization on to that hoped for ultimate actuality when the will of man shall be "peace on earth." So let us take heart at this, our merriest season, each one doing his part to disseminate this first Christmas message, remembering the help from the omnipotent One "who moves in a mysterious way, His wonders to perform."

THE VERSTOVIAN takes this means to thank its readers for the many kind words they have written expressing their interest in the little paper. No better incentive is needed to make us want to continue to be an interesting and thereby welcome, monthly visitor.

THE—three months old—VERSTOVIAN wishes its readers a merry Christmas and hopes that as it grows in years it will be able to grow in size.

Lindoff—Moses.

A very pretty but unostentatious wedding was witnessed by a large audience Tuesday evening, December 1st, in the Thlinget Presbyterian church, when Carl Lindoff, of Hoonah, and Eliza Moses, of Sitka and for a time a pupil in the Sheldon Jackson School, were united in marriage; Rev. Robert J. Diven officiating. The contracting parties were attended at the altar by Robert Kennedy and Jennie Jackson, both pupils of the Sheldon Jackson School. After a trip to Hoonah, the groom's old home, Mr. Lindoff and his bride will settle permanently in Sitka. The best wishes of a large list of friends go with these two.

Program Given in S. J. S. Gymnasium Thanksgiving Night.

Opening Hymn
Sheldon Jackson School
Invocation
Rev. Robert Joseph Diven
Psalm 103
Sheldon Jackson School
Chorus
Primary Pupils
Song
Six Girls
Solo
Mr. Merchinson
Chorus
Girls' Glee Club
Dialogue
Sixteen Boys
Solo
Mr. Jackson
Recitation
"Mutt"
Selection
Boys' Glee Club
Closing Hymn
Sheldon Jackson School

Diamonds whose beauty surpassed the nicest work of the lapidary were to be seen sparkling in the clear frosty air of the past nights when the moonlight was reflected on the countless number of unusually large frost crystals that covered all outdoors.

According to the almanac, we have at this time of year just about six hours between sun rise and sun set. The almanac doesn't take into consideration the mountains which it took poor Old Sol no little time to crawl over those cold mornings we have had a few of lately.

A Hunting Episode.

Four of our boys, David Howard, Louie Simpson, Fred Koltchoff, and Lee Bunard, had a hunting experience the past month that they will not soon forget. They left the school Friday afternoon in Louie Simpson's gas boat for Edgecomb, intending to return the following day. The wind blew so much the next day that it was expected they would not be able to make a start for home, and until Wednesday of the next week it was still so stormy that they could not have gotten home in their boat, nor could a larger boat have reached where they were. On this Wednesday a party went from the school on the Goldenrod to try to reach the boys and were unable to make a landing at the part of the island where they were. The party finally landed at Crab Bay, some distance from the boys and started to walk to the boy's camp, but were unable to make it that evening and camped for the night. They had not gone far the next morning when they found the boys well and happy, but hungry, and they said that eating venison three times a day for nearly a week was very tiresome. They said they had attempted to start home the day before and had hardly launched their boat when a big wave washed it against a rock and they barely escaped, saving only their guns. The boat was completely wrecked and is a total loss. Only one match was left of the boys' supply, and assistance came to them none too soon. The Goldenrod returned Thursday evening and a hearty welcome was given its return when it was learned that they were all safe and sound.

The faculty of the school descended upon the home of Supt. Johns on Saturday, November 14 and gave a surprise to Mrs. Johns leaving a very pretty Indian basket as a token of their good wishes for many happy birthdays for her.

Football.

Thanksgiving morning, two teams made up of S. J. S. boys with Welsh Jones and Edward Peel as captains, played a game of football that was enjoyed by the school as well as a large number of the people from down town. The result of the game was a victory for Peel's team with a score of 6-0. Peel's team had been coached by Supt. Johns and Jones's team by Mr. Garey.

The line up was as follows:—

Team of		Team of
Welsh Jones, Capt.		Edward Peel, Capt.
Frank Williams		
Julius Frank	R. E.	Thomas Jones
George Fulton	R. T.	Archie Jackson
Fred Koltehoff	R. G.	Oscar Davis
John Cameron	C.	Louie Simpson
Lawrence Widmark	L. E.	Thomas Scott
Albert Nelson	L. T.	Andrew Johnson
Victor Zuboff	L. G.	Healey Jones
Newton Kasko	Q. B.	Robert Kennedy
Welsh Jones	R. H. B.	Jimmy George
George Hanson	L. H. B.	David Howard
Lee Bunard	F. B.	Edward Peel

Summary of the game:—Officials—Referee, Supt. Johns; umpire, Mr. Garey; head linesman, Mr. Reed; time keeper, Mr. Stocks. Touchdown, Thomas Jones.

In honor of the new members of the faculty and to help them to become acquainted with the many friends of the school in the town, a most enjoyable evening was spent Tuesday, November 17 among those present were:—Rev. and Mrs. Robert Joseph Diven, Rev. and Mrs. George Howard, Dr. and Mrs. Cambell, Mr. and Mrs. R. W. DeArmond, Mr. and Mrs. Green, Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Mills, Mr. and Mrs. C. M. McGrath, Mr. and Mrs. Turner, Mr. and Mrs. Britton, Mrs. Vanderbuilt, Mrs. Chas. Haley, Mrs. McGraw, Miss Lucile Diven, Miss Kemp, Miss Roddy, Miss Charlotte Doren, Miss Gertrude McGrath, Judge Goodell, Dr. Johnson, Mr. A. G. Shoup, Mr. Anderson Mr. Alcorn.

Over a week of clear, cold weather with the thermometer never below eighteen degrees and a total absence of wind, has given us several days of the very best skating on Swan Lake. Even the nights with a perfect moon have invited a continuation of the sport.

Annual Thanksgiving Banquet Given in Cottage Hall.

For years the Native Presbyterian church of Sitka, through some one of its appointed agencies, has given a banquet on each Thanksgiving day. This year the Cottage Women's Missionary Society took charge, and to say that the banquet was a success would be putting it far too mildly. If the reader at a distance will picture in his mind a large hall, cheerfully decorated, with tables spread to seat two hundred people, he will have a part of the splendid picture. If he can arrange in his imagination all the felicitous groupings of families, old friends, schoolmates and acquaintances, and add to this the dignity of the Grand Lodge of the Alaska Native Brotherhood as guests, he will have another part of the picture. Both food and fellowship were of superior quality and may not be minutely described. Venison from the near-by forest, in prodigal abundance and prepared as only the skilled native housewife can prepare it; pies, cakes and bread, in quantities sufficient to have fed twice the number, and all prepared by the Cottage Native Housewife—to say nothing of butters and jellies and jams galore. Several white people were present as guests, and the neatness, cordiality and satisfaction of the entire occasion sent each one away with warm words of praise upon his lips. Two hours of speech-making, after the banquet, concluded the Cottage people's part of the day's program, and guests and entertainers repaired to the Gymnasium of the Sheldon Jackson School, where a very pleasing program by the children of the school awaited them—and what do you think! Those tireless teachers of S. J. S. served everybody with sandwiches, cookies and a cup of hot chocolate when the program was finished, showing themselves most agreeable hostesses as they mingled with the fathers and mothers of the young people who are their special care.

Outdoor Club Completes Organization.

At a meeting of the "Outdoor Club" on the evening of November 4, at the new manse, the organization of the club was completed and the following officers elected:

Chief Guide, Mr. Diven
Scout, Mr. Green
Trail Blazer, Mrs. Green
Scribe, Mr. Garey
Dust Pouch, Miss Reese
Duffel Boss, Mr. Reed
Cache-ier, Dr. Campbell

Between showers, on the evening of November 20, some twenty-two enthusiastic Outdoor Folk, wended their way, with the help of lanterns and flashlights, to Indian River Point where material had been collected for a bonfire. In spite of the dampness the bonfire was a great success and a jolly time was had over coffee and hardtack, while the club planned for future good times.

Under the leadership of the Chief Guide, the assembled company proceeded to a sheltered nook in the lee of a giant totem, where each member present signed the roll and deposited his or her particle of "dust" with the Dust Pouch. The time limit, however, for charter membership, is being held open until the December meeting, which will be held Wednesday evening, December 9, 8 o'clock, at the manse.

A trip to Hot Springs was voted on and plans made for its consummation at an early date.

On Thanksgiving day, the Cottage Band played two pieces of music in the church, and the pastor, Rev. Robert J. Diven, read the President's proclamation, Rev. Edward Marsden, of Ketchikan, preaching the sermon. The band also rendered a number of selections, in a most acceptable manner, during the progress of the banquet in the Cottage Hall. Sitkans are proud of this band.

Meeting of the Grand Lodge of Alaska Native Brotherhood At Sitka.

Contributed by Rev. Robert Joseph Diven

Close observers of the recent annual meeting of the Grand Lodge of the Alaska Native Brotherhood, held in Sitka on November 24-30, believe that it marked the beginning of an epoch of advancement among all the Southeastern Alaska tribes. Full and free discussion of such topics as "Business", "Education," "Religion," "Citizenship and How to Attain It," was indulged in by the twenty-three members of the Grand Lodge, and many illuminating facts were brought forth.

The purpose of the Alaska Native Brotherhood is "to assist and encourage the native in his advancement from his native state to his place among the cultivated races of the world, to oppose, discourage and overcome the narrow injustice of race prejudice, and to aid in the development of the great American Empire of Alaska, etc." Great interest centered in the discussion of the lodge's purpose, especially when the fact developed that by "the narrow injustice of race prejudice" was meant those obstinate barriers to progress found within the native himself, instead of the real and fancied bigotries and injustices of the white people. In nearly every instance cited, failure in business, miscarriage in manual as well as in intellectual training, and the return to their unwholesome habits as well as to their ambitionless ideals, were traced most

convincingly to the relentless influence of old-custom ideas and practices. The Alaska Native Brotherhood has solemnly pledged its membership to strive unceasingly for the eradication of these blighting practices, and to set forward each English-speaking native man who is ready and willing to forswear all old customs and tribal ties that may, in any manner or degree whatsoever, hinder or detract from his fitness for worthily bearing the responsibilities and honors of American citizenship.

At one of the meetings of the convention the following officers were chosen for the ensuing year:— Grand President, Peter Simpson, of Sitka; Grand Secretary, Rev. Edward Marsden, of Saxman; Grand Treasurer, Ralph Young, of Sitka.

The tireless hospitality of Sitka natives during Thanksgiving week, made a deep impression on their many visitors. One gentleman from down the coast remarked, "It'll take about a week to get rested up enough to begin telling my people about the convention, and it'll take about all the rest of the winter to tell all the good and pleasant things the Sitka people did for us while among them." Come again, brother, you will never find Sitka native people lacking in most cordial hospitality.

The teachers and pupils are busy preparing the cantata, "Dr. Santa Claus' Cure" which will be given Christmas night.

THE VERSTOVIAN is on sale at the Art store of E. W. Merrill. Mr. Merrill will receive subscriptions for the same.

Moving Pictures.

Saturday night, November 7, the following program of moving pictures was presented to the pupils. A collection was taken up at this show and the proceeds will go towards helping to defray the expenses of the films.

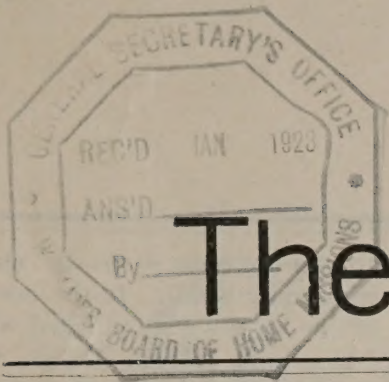
LITTLE MAURICE MARRIES
ROSALIE
MAGIC SCREEN. RACE OF
POLICEMAN
RECONCILIATION
THE CONQUEROR'S WHIM
CUPID AFLOAT

Sitka A. B. Busy As a Bee.

Sitka Camp of the Arctic Brotherhood has taken on a new lease of life. Several repairs have made their hall more comfortable and added to its general appearance. The lodge rooms have been moved to the second floor and the first floor is now used for a reading room and club rooms. This camp of the Arctic Brotherhood has always stood for the best interests of Sitka and at the present time is formulating a plan for the advertising of Sitka, making known throughout the States her charms and possibilities.

Following a custom peculiar to Russia, where their churches are marked by a painting of a saint to whom the church is dedicated placed outside the church: the Russian church in Sitka, known as St. Michael's Cathedral, has had placed under the eaves of the eastern end of the building an oil painting representing St. Michael. This painting is the work of Rev. John Zeltonoga who came from New York last summer to act as assistant priest to Father Sergius Kostrometinoff. We are told that this picture replaces one that was destroyed by the elements some years ago.

Sitka is sadly in need of a dentist. For several months there has been none in town and one is almost afraid to have the tooth ache for it would mean a \$25 fare to the nearest dentist.



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Photo by Merrill.

“Let Us Now Go Even Unto Bethlehem”

I am thinking of you today because it is Xmas and I wish you happiness — and tomorrow, because it is the day after Xmas I wish you happiness — and so on clear through the year — I may not be able to tell you about it every day, for I may be far away, or we both may be very busy — but it makes no difference, the thought and the wish are there just the same — whatever joy or happiness comes to you will make me glad — then in plain words and without pretence, good will to you is what I mean in the spirit of Christmas.

Van Dyke.

I heard the bells on Christmas Day
Their old, familiar carols play,
And wild and sweet
The words repeat
Of peace on Earth, good will to men!
And in despair I bowed my head;
“There is no peace on earth,” I said;
“For hate is strong,
And mocks the song
Of peace on earth, good will to men!”
Then pealed the bells more loud and deep;
“God is not dead; nor doth He sleep!
The wrong shall fail
The Right prevail
With peace on earth, good will to men!”

Longfellow.

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REPAIRS AND IMPROVEMENTS

It is pleasant to report a large amount of repair and improvement work completed during the summer. The Museum building was in a deplorable condition, the roof leaking in many places, the concrete floor collapsed, and the valuable collection of articles from all over Alaska, assembled by Dr. Sheldon Jackson, in danger of ruin. A new floor was laid and the roof repaired. The building is once again water and fire proof. Our heating plant has seen service for a number of years and has not always been properly fired. In order to make it serve for a few more years, without renewing, it was necessary to give it a complete overhauling, replace tubes, relay fire brick, etc.

The storeroom had become vermin infested. Because of its construction it was impossible to remedy the situation except by practically rebuilding it. This was done, the floor and walls being of concrete and warranted to be mouse-proof. New shelves and a counter were also put in.

In addition, a considerable amount of concrete walk has been laid and repairs made to the superintendent's house. Three of the cottages were treated to coats of creosote stain. The plumbing in Home Mission Monthly Building was entirely changed.

The improved appearance of buildings and campus is very evident. But there is much still to be done in order to preserve the property and care for wear and tear. The grading of the campus is well under way. When finished we will have one of the most attractive public sites in Alaska.

FLORA

The flower illustrations of this issue present a phase of Alaska life which we are glad to emphasize. Each is from a photograph of Alaska wild flowers grown near Sitka. We wish our Eastern friends to discriminate between the different sections of our great territory and to remember that we have little severe cold in South Eastern Alaska.



THANKSGIVING

Both the holy-day and holiday aspects of Thanksgiving Day were recognized. The entire school attended public services in a body in the morning. Through the generosity of Mrs. Devon and Miss Parker, who levied upon their private poultry yards, chicken dinners were served to all.

The tables in the childrens dining room were joined together

around the room so as to make one family board. In the center of the square a stand filled with ferns and autumn leaves was placed and on a near by table a phonograph was kept in operation. The crowning feature of the feast was a generous section of old fashion pumpkin pie for each child.

The Staff workers, their associates and the families on the campus dined together in the teachers' dining room which was artistically decorated. After the meal the hours were passed in social enjoyment.

In the evening the entire school repaired to the gymnasium to witness the defeat of the Alaska Native Brotherhood basket ball team by that of the S. J. S.

The day was a happy one even though hopes of skating were blighted by the downpour of the rain.

OUR BENEFACTORS

Since our last issue the following friends have remembered us with gifts for our Christmas celebration:

Pollyanna Circle, Bakersfield Presbyterian Church,

Bakersfield, California; games, handkerchiefs, etc.

Macedonian Band, Market Square Presbyterian Church, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania; books, balls, handkerchiefs, games, etc.

Woman's Guild, Westminster Presbyterian Church, Bloomfield, New Jersey; linen.

Miss L. B. Rainwater, Detroit, Michigan; linen.

Worthington Presbyterian Church, Light Bearers,

Worthington, Pennsylvania; dolls and toys.

Miss Minnie A. Gibbons and friends, Tacoma, Washington; aprons, games, etc.

Primary Light Bearers, First Presbyterian Church,

Ogdensburg, Pennsylvania;

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OUR CHRISTMAS

Candy, nuts, oranges, dolls, games, and all the other essentials of our school celebration were here, thanks to the kindness of our friends.

On Christmas the trees in the respective dormitories were the chief attraction. Here the children gathered with their house mothers for their family parties. But the large Christmas tree was erected in the gymnasium. Around it, on Christmas morning, all the staff as well as the school children, gathered in a circle. There were carols, recitations, prayers, exchange of gifts and distribution of the Christmas treat.

Early Christmas morning the large boys went from house to house singing the old favorite songs. The A. N. B. band accompanied by a fine chorus of mixed voices, appeared at midnight, and charmed everyone with instrumental and vocal selections breathing the spirit of Holy Night.

An appropriate service was held in the church on Sunday morning and this year, in the Sunday School following, a special program was rendered with a missionary purpose and with the characters impersonated by members of the school. There was also, this year, an offering of food and necessities for the relief of poor old people in the village.

The celebration closed with a cantata. An outline of the same with names of participants is given below.

With wreaths of cedar in the windows, filling the rooms with fragrance, with decorations of dormitories, dining rooms, and school rooms, and with an especially attractive dinner and other accompaniments of good cheer Christmas was a happy occasion in Sheldon Jackson School.

The following was given in connection with the Christmas festivities in the gymnasium:

Song "Joy to the World."

Scripture reading,

Duet "Silent Night," Mrs. Stuart, Mrs. Condit
Prayer Rev. R. A. Buchanan

Song "Jesus is our King," Junior C. E. Society

The story of the other Wise Man, Miss Tait

Song "The First Noel," Upper Grade Chorus

Distribution of gifts.

CANTATA

SANTA'S CHRISTMAS BARGAIN

SYNOPSIS

Tinkie, the toy-maker has invented a wonderful toy which he names Jackie, the mechanical man. By simply pressing a button the toy goes through all the movements of a human being. Tinkle is anxious to sell the toy to Santa but realizes that he will not purchase unless Jackie has a bright and smiling face. He therefore sends Rosie out with her camera girls to get a photograph of the right kind of a smile. Hemlock tries to fool Santa by taking the place of the mechanical man but gets his face painted with the new smile and narrowly escapes getting a hole bored in his back when some alterations are suggested by Santa. The "smile of making others happy" is finally selected for Jackie's face and Santa secures his first Christmas Bargain. It teaches us to avoid all sour looks and the value of a happy smiling face

CHARACTERS

TINKLE, A Toy-maker,	Richard Peters
ROSIE TINKLE, His Daughter,	Daisy Jackson
SUSANNA } who uphold the	{ Rose Hollywood
JOANNA } new women,	{ Marian Wilson
SHERLOCK } would-be	{ George Dick
HEMLOCK } detectives,	{ Samuel Murchison
BRIGHT EYES, a smile peddler,	Tillie Kennedy
PRINCESS OF FARAWAY, Queen of the Fairies,	Louise Weir
ESKIMO JOE, "me tink he fine,"	Joe Paddock
MRS. TOBEY, the mother of the Tobey boys,	Harriet Newell
SANTA CLAUSE, just as nice as ever,	George Carteeti
JACKIE	Henry Kitka
and Choruses of Tinkles, Fairies, Tots	
and Tobeys.	



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writing paper, pencils, etc.

Westminister Guild, Chapter and Circle, Mount Pleasant Presbyterian Church, Mount Pleasant, Ohio; handkerchiefs, wash cloths sunshine bags, etc.

Webb Horton Memorial Church and Sunday School, Middletown, New York; money for children's Christmas.

Mrs. S. A. Knepp, Creston, Ohio; money for needs of orphan children.

Westminister Guild Chapter, Presbyterian Church, West Alexander, Pennsylvania; linen and toys.

Miss Ethel Slusser,
1316 Cleveland Avenue,
Portland, Oregon;
pocket knives.

Light Bearers and Penny Club, Woodland, California; quilts, etc.

CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR

The devotional meetings of the Society are increasing in interest. The Christmas service was a candle meeting. A tree stood in the centre of the room with no ornaments, but with a large lighted candle at its base. Members formed a circle surrounding the tree. As each one took part a small candle was lighted from the larger one and placed in position. Thus was represented the spreading abroad of the Light which lighted the world. It was a quiet and impressive meeting.

The Endeavorers performed a gracious service on the afternoon of Christmas Day when a band of singers visited the Pioneer Home Hospital and sang Christmas carols. They also visited homes in the native village where there was sickness and brought the thought of the Bethlehem Babe to the sufferers. It was a true ministry of love.

"Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren ye have done it unto me." Math. 25: 40.

NOTES

Ned Simeon is now living in Seattle.

Stephen Nicholas has successfully undergone several severe operations at Juneau Hospital, recently.

Lila Newell spent her vacation with her family here. She is specializing in music and has marked musical ability.

Lily Kennedy, a member of the first graduating class, is busy with her work at the Bel-lingham Normal School. She looks forward to Primary Teaching.

Jessie Weir also a member of the first graduating class, is making a good record at Corvallis Agricultural College. She is preparing to teach Domestic Art and Science.

Andrew Johnson, another member of this class, has gone from Park College to Menaul, New Mexico, where he is continuing his studies. The change was made necessary for health considerations. He is preparing for the ministry.

Professor W. G. Beattie, formerly superintendent of Sheldon Jackson School, is now located at Monmouth, Oregon, where he is engaged as instructor in the Normal School. He has charge of the department of Rural Schools.

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The Verstovian desires to express its appreciation of the exchanges coming to its office, as listed below:

Kodiak Orphanage,
Kodiak, Alaska.
Daily Alaskan,
Skagway, Alaska.
Juneau Empire,
Juneau, Alaska.

U. S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE WEATHER BUREAU

Month of Nov., 1922, Station, Sitka
Latitude, 57 degrees, 3 minutes.
Longitude, 135 degrees, 20 minutes.

DATE	TEMPERATURE		PRECIP- ITATION	STATE OF WTHR
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3	46	37	.76	cloudy
4	45	35	.54	cloudy
5	46	42	2.16	cloudy
6	40	19	.00	clear
7	56	36	.00	cloudy
8	50	32	.00	clear
9	46	32	.00	clear
10	51	28	.00	clear
11	48	43	.82	cloudy
12	46	36	.21	cloudy
13	45	40	.82	cloudy
14	44	34	.80	cloudy
15	48	32	.08	cloudy
16	42	35	.36	cloudy
17	38	30	.16	cloudy
18	44	34	.50	cloudy
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27	48	39	.24	cloudy
28	43	32	.02	cloudy
29	44	40	.08	cloudy
30	43	38	.54	cloudy

C. C. Georgeson, Observer

Alaska School Bulletin,
Juneau, Alaska.
The Alaska Dispatch,
72 Columbia,
Seattle, Washington.
The Indian's Friend
156-5th Avenue,
New York City.
The Indian Leader,
Haskell Institute,
Lawrence, Kansas.
The Chemawa American,
Chemawa, Oregon.
The Wasatch Academy Bulletin,
Mount Pleasant, Utah.
We would be pleased to extend
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HISTORICAL

The history of education in Sitka dates back to the year 1805 when, under Russian auspices, the first school was instituted. It was not until 1820, however, that under a naval officer a permanent system was organized, which continued for thirteen years and which was increased in efficiency by Governor Etolin in 1833. A boarding school for girls was founded in 1839 and one for the boys the year following. The curriculum of the former included "language, reading, writing, arithmetic, household work, sewing and religion." In 1841 a theological school was founded which in 1849 was advanced to the grade of a seminary. In 1860 there were five separate schools in existence, two for children of the

lower class, two for the higher class, and one seminary.

At the time of the transfer, in 1867, the Russian population largely removed and the schools, in consequence, were suspended. This condition prevailed until April 1878 when the first school under American auspices was opened by Rev. John G Brady, the first ordained missionary sent to Alaska by the Presbyterian Board of Home Missions, and Miss Fannie Kellogg. This school was discontinued in December of the same year.

In the spring of 1880 Miss Olin-da Austin reopened the school on April fifth in a room of the guard house with one hundred and three children present and since then, schools have been conducted without interruption. The next year Captain Glass, of

the Navy, established a rule of compulsory attendance of Indian children which ran the average up until on one day, including adults, there were two hundred and ninety-two present.

In November of this year some of the boys applied for permission to live at the school room because there was so much drinking and carousing in their homes that they could not study there. Miss Austin replied that there were no accommodations for them but they were much in earnest and proposed to provide for themselves. Upon receiving permission, seven Indian boys, thirteen and fourteen years old, each bringing a blanket and a piece of tin for a looking glass, left their homes and took up their abode in a vacant room of one of

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This issue of **The Verstovian** is devoted to a special presentation of the place and work of the Sheldon Jackson School. On page four will be found the names of staff workers and scholars in attendance during the present year. It is our hope that each family represented in the school may receive a copy of this paper and that it may also come into the hands of many other native people who are interested in christian education.

The distinctive feature of this school is that it is a christian institution. Our slogan is "Competent, Christian, Citizens". A part of our mission is to give such an education as is offered in standard public schools and with this, industrial training, fitting for practical life and the making of a livelihood. But underneath all is the purpose of turning out christian young men and women. It is our chief concern to build the foundations of christian character.

The Sheldon Jackson School, therefore, should appeal to all native people of Alaska. Along with head and hand education we aim to provide heart education. Because of this ideal Bible teaching and the principles of the religious life are included in our course of study. With this there is provided christian home training with daily family prayers, grace before meat and the intimate, daily advice and instruction of the house mothers and fathers.

It is our purpose and aim to make the atmosphere distinctive-ly christian. The goal of the school is the training, along these lines, of native young men and women, for leadership.

Historical

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the government buildings.

In 1881 a boarding department for girls was added and Rev. Alonzo E. Austin was associated with his daughter in the school and Mrs. Austin was appointed matron. From this beginning the present Sheldon Jackson School has been evolved.

The old government building burned to the ground in January, 1882. An earnest appeal was made to the Board of Home Missions and this appeal was given wide publicity by Dr. Jackson with the result that the Woman's Executive Committee promptly assumed responsibility for a new building. By September Dr. Jackson had arrived upon the ground with five thousand dollars in money. Lumber had been ordered from a sawmill but was not forthcoming because of a break down. In the emergency Dr. Jackson, learning of a cannery near Sitka which had been wrecked by the crushing in of the roof by snow purchased the same and with the assistance of Mr. Brady organized a large force of natives, camped out at the wreck, rescued such lumber as was worth saving and rafted it down the coast to Sitka and erected the new building. The structure was fifty by one hundred feet in dimensions and was three stories high. In 1884 Mrs. McFarland and her Wrangell school were transferred to Sitka. The name adopted for the institution was "The Sitka Training School."

This school building, with other structures added afterwards, was in use until 1911 when the present modern plant was erected. Four dormitory buildings and a com-

modious school building, with assembly room, constitute the main portion of the new plant. With these are to be associated the large structure which houses the machine and carpenter shops and the smaller building known as the print shop. Other buildings are the museum, the four cottages and the heating plant with the laundry in connection. The school has its own hydro-electric power plant which furnishes all its power and light and also supplementary heating. Each building is equipped with running water.

The name Sheldon Jackson School was adopted at the time the new buildings were erected. The purpose was to perpetuate the name and memory of the great missionary pioneer who brought protestant missions and modern education to Alaska. The school stands as a fitting monument to him whose name it bears. It is also a memorial to the Board which erected it and to the band of faithful men and women who have given themselves to uphold its standards and good name through the forty years of its service.

OPENING AND CLOSING

The fall term opens about the middle of September. The closing date for 1923 is May 18th. We wish to especially urge upon parents the necessity of keeping the children in school the entire school year. Entering after the opening means getting behind in class work and hard and often times unsatisfactory work for the whole year. Leaving before the end of the term means falling behind the class and a probability of not being able to go on with the work of the next year. In order to accomplish the work set out it is absolutely necessary that the children be in school from the beginning to the end of the school year. We must insist upon this regulation being carried out.

Plan of Work

The work of the school may be grouped under four heads.

I. Christian Training:

A. Religious Meetings.

Sunday; Morning, Church and S. S.
Evening, C. E. Societies.
Wednesday, Prayer Meeting.
Daily, Chapel.
Prayers in Dormitories.

B. Personal Work.

Leadership in Endeavor Societies, conduct of student religious meetings, assignments in Sunday Schools of village and school.

C. Bible Study.

Systematic instruction in Bible as a part of the study course in all grades.
Graded system of Sunday School lessons.

II. Occupational Training:

A. Carpentry.

Care and use of tools. Especial attention to house and boat building.

B. Manual training.

Work introductory to trades.

C. Steam and Gas engineering.

Care of boilers, firing, production of steam for power and heating, etc.
Care and use of engines with special attention to gas engines.

D. Steam and Hot water Fitting.

E. Blacksmithing and Machine Work.

F. Electrical Work.

Wiring; Study of generators, motors, switch boards, water-power, etc.

G. Concrete construction.

Selection of materials, mixing and placing of concrete.

H. Printing.

Practical training in the Verstovian shop in composition, typesetting and press work

I. Gardening, stock and poultry.

Clearing and preparation of land, fertilization, seeding and cultivation.
Housing and care of chickens and such other stock as may be practical.

J. Cooking and house keeping.

Course in cookery, dietetics, care of house and home making, with practical work in school kitchens, dining rooms, dormitories, and model cottage.

K. Sewing.

Cutting and making of plain household

articles and garments, dresses, childrens' garments, etc.

Repair work.

L. Nursing.

Instruction in First Aid; Elements of care of sick.

III. Academic Training.

A. Primary Grades.

It is the plan to discontinue the elementary grades. There will be no primer class next year.

Provision is made at Haines House for children too young to enter this school.

B. Grammar School

The purpose is to give standard work in this department up to the possibilities of our general scheme. This stresses the industrial feature. Along with such training we aim to give the rudiments of education, thoroughly.

C. High School.

We now have three classes in this department and will have a fourth year class next year. The plan is to follow as nearly as possible the standard course prepared by the Territorial Commissioner of Education.

D. Music.

Instruction by a competent teacher is given in piano and chorus work. It is the hope that an orchestra, with qualified leader, may be organized next year.

E. Miscellaneous.

Social.

Weekly social gatherings are arranged for the various grades with supervised entertainment and play.

Literary.

A literary society is maintained by the students of the High School furnishing excellent practise in public expression. Public entertainments are given at intervals throughout the year.

IV. Physical Training.

Healthful sports are encouraged. Systematic instruction in physical culture has been carried through the year for the girls. We hope to have an athletic director another year to lead in the activities of our gymnasium.

Careful health supervision is exercised. Each child is weighed at regular intervals and a check kept on weight and physical condition. Careful attention is given to proper nourishment. A doctor is in regular attendance at the school and a trained nurse has been added to our working staff.

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Faculty & Students, 1922=23

STAFF

James H. Condit	Superintendent
Lottie E. Stevenson	High School
Ethel M. Scheidemantel	Grammar Grades
Anna M. Feley	Intermediate Grades
A. Margaret Parker	Primary Grades
Margaret M. Tinkham	Music
D. Russell Jennings	Electrical Engineer
Charles G. Stuart	Mechanical Engineer
Lois H. McKelvey	Domestic Art & Science
Elise R. Pippereit	Nurse
M. Edna Tait	Supervisor Student Work
Mrs. S. Devou	Supervisor Student Work
Isabella C. Bourhill	Small girls' dormitory
Ora E. Haft	Large girls' dormitory
May Parker	Small boys' dormitory
Alfred R. Stocks	General Helper
Mrs. A. Stocks	Supervisor Student Work
Zelpha Barrell	Office Assistant
James W. Johnston	Attending Physician
Melcher Olson	Watchman.

STUDENTS

Third Year High School

George Carteeti	Hoonah
Samuel Murchison	Metlakatla
Matilda Kennedy	Loring
Laura Takenouchi	Katalla

Second Year High School

James Kennedy	Loring
Richard Peters	Sitka
Ethel Early	Yakutat
Harriett Newell	Sitka
Louise Weir	Tenakee

First Year High School

George Dick	Sitka
Raymond James	Sitka
Peter Keene	Sitka
Henry Kitka	Sitka
Daisy Jackson	Sitka
Sara Jackson	Sitka
Mary Worthington	Petersburg

Eighth Grade

Peter Perkins	Sitka
William Walton	Sitka

Seventh Grade

Fenton Dennis	Haines
Henry Haldane	Hydaburg
Victor Haldane	Hydaburg
George Hoolis	Klukwan
John Jackson	Sitka
Joe Paddock	Tenakee
Walter Soboloff	Killisnoo
Rose Hollywood	Sitka
Nora Keene	Sitka
Flora Marshall	Juneau
Margaret Williams	Kake
Marion Wilson	Klukwan

Sixth Grade

David Friday
Billie Keene
John Smith
Gibson Young
Flora Collins
Katherine Johnson
Martha Kinninook
Esther Morrison
Annie Ridley
Katherine Scott
Maggie Wallace

Fifth Grade

Richard Marshall
Charlie Nelson
Thomas Saunders
Sam Watson
Lila Davis
Elizabeth Hollywood
Carrie Howard
Alice James
Rebecca Nelson
Martha Skillie
Ruby Soboloff
Lillian Wallace
Rachel Wayha
Mabel Williams

Fourth Grade

Carl Bilby
Ray Early
Moody Hobson
Peter Hoon
Paul John
Moses Kushneck
John Ferrin
Sergius Shakely
Lilly Grant
Tilly Hill
Louise Hollywood
Flora James
Grace Katoss
Mabel Mc Kay
Emma Perkins
Jennie Peterson
Emma Sumato
Elizabeth Wanamaker

Third Grade

Arthur Dagsh
Eugene Duguqua
Adam John
Eddie Johnson
Gilbert Johnson
Andrew Klancy
Ernest Perkins
Thomas Shorty
Willie Smith
Gus Sumdum
Gilbert Wilson
Peter Williams
Emily Bell
Mary Collins
Agnes Cooday
Fannie Fred
Sophie Fred
Adeline Johnson

Frances Johnson

Kake

Selena McCullough

Sitka

Annie Young

Sitka

Second Grade

Sitka	David Bean	Kake
Ketchikan	Henry Bennett	Hydaburg
Hoonah	Johnnie Davis	Excursion Inlet
Ketchikan	Elizabeth Adams	Juneau
Hydaburg	Annie Jackson	Haines
Sitka	Julia Jacobs	Sitka
Hydaburg	Emma James	Sitka
Kasaan	Mary James	Sitka
	Olga Keene	Sitka
Juneau	Annie Partridge	Hoonah
Rose Inlet	Mary Rose	Petersburg
Sitka	Daisy Skillie	Hydaburg

First Grade

Killisnoo	Peter Dick	Angoon
Sitka	Tom George	Yakutat
Tenakee	Thomas Hansen	Sitka
Sitka	Paul Henry	Yakutat
Rose Inlet	Eddie Jack	Killisnoo
Hydaburg	Johnny James	Sitka
Killisnoo	Charlie Jim	Hoonah
Kasaan	Peter Johnson	Angoon
Kake	Charlie Joseph	Killisnoo
Tenakee	Lester Nelson	Rose Inlet
Nome	Frank Paul	Killisnoo
Yakutat	Robert Paul	Kake
Hoonah	Peter Quick	Killisnoo
Klukwan	Albert Smith	Sitka
Klukwan	Alfred Willard	Sitka
Ketchikan	Miriam Bartlett	Sitka
Haines	Martha Cameron	Sitka
Hoonah	Daisy Daniels	Sitka
Kake	Carrie Dowhitt	Bay View
Hydaburg	Ruth Duguqua	Kake
Sitka	Flora Jacobs	Sitka
Sitka	Annie Johnson	Douglas
Ketchikan	Mabel Jones	Sitka
Haines	Martha McKinley	Killisnoo
Katalla	Alice Worthington	Petersburg
Killisnoo	Mary Young	Sitka
Sitka		

Primary

Haines	James Bartlett	Sitka
Kake	Teddy Dick	Sitka
Klukwan	Peter Jones	Sitka
Angoon	William Jones	Sitka
Angoon	Abraham Price	Ketchikan
Klukwan	Morris Scott	Killisnoo
Haines	David Wayha	Kake
Sitka	Ralph Young	Sitka
Sumdum	Elizabeth Daniels	Sitka
Klukwan	Martha Daniels	Sitka
Hoonah	Mary Price	Sitka
Wrangel	Betsy Rose	Petersburg
Ketchikan	Gladys Skillie	Hydaburg
Kake	Matilda Wells	Sitka
Angoon	Mary Williams	Sitka
Angoon		

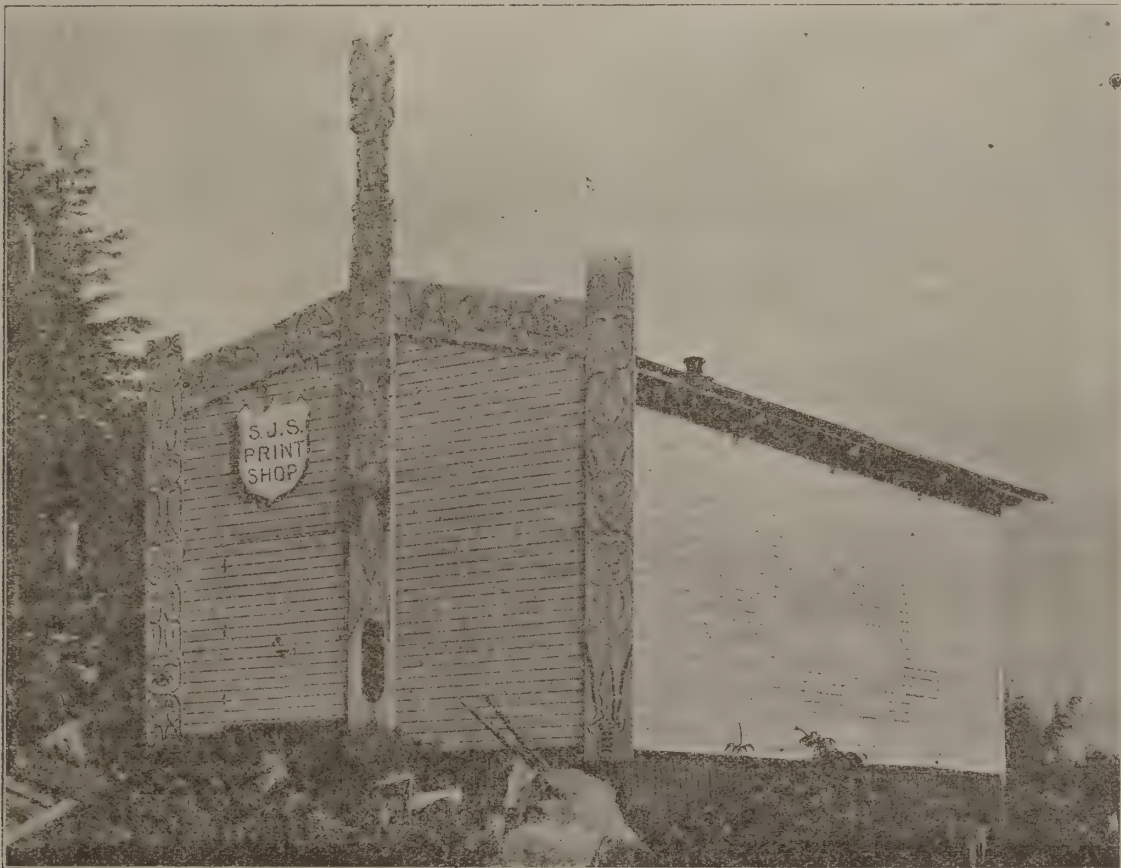
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NATIVE VILLAGE ORGANIZATION

One of the constructive acts of the Alaska Territorial Legislature in behalf of native progress is the provision for village organization. A considerable measure of authority has been vested in native village councils. In every instance the wisdom of such a step in local government has been abundantly justified.

One of the encouraging features in connection with this provision has been the ready response of the people to municipal regulation.

No village has made better progress along this line than Angoon.

Dr. S. Hall Young has recently written a pamphlet, now being circulated by our Board, entitled "The Wonderful-Story of Angoon" in which the transformation of this native community under the influence of Christian missions is graphically presented.

The following "Rules and Regulations" may be interesting to our friends in the states as indicating one phase of this progress. They have been furnished to *The Verstovian* by Mr. Samuel G. Johnson who is prominently mentioned in Dr. Young's story

and who obtained his education in Sheldon Jackson School.

RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR THE COUNCIL OF ANGOON VILLAGE

The council is organized and elected by the people of Angoon, Territory of Alaska, division number one, for the purpose of governing local affairs in the village of Angoon, Territory of Alaska, as provided by an act of the Territorial Legislature of 1915, session laws of Alaska.

"THE COUNCIL"

The council shall consist of twelve members, from whose number the councilmen shall elect

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ALASKA NATIVE BROTHERHOOD

The *Verstovian* has found frequent occasion in the past for mention and approval of the Alaska Native Brotherhood. The program of this society of forward looking young native men, as well as of the associated women's auxiliary embraces the physical, mental and moral welfare of the natives of Alaska. Members of the society not only work for the abandonment of old customs but also look forward to the day when they shall take a full share of responsibility in the citizenship of this territory. It represents, therefore, the progressive element in the native population.

Sheldon Jackson School has a particular interest in the A.N.B. because it was a suggestion of Mr. J. A. Mc Afee, at that time associated with our Board of Home Missions, which led to the preliminary steps of organization.

We have a farther interest because the order is working along lines which harmonize with the ideals of this school and has manifested in many practical ways its sympathy and support.

We wish to again commend the work of this organization. It has already accomplished much, not only in raising the native standards but also in presenting native rights. Its methods appeal to us as being both safe and sane. There is much to be accomplished in establishing the place of the

Native under the sun. The A. N. B. is working along the lines which lead to this result.

Following are the names of the Officers of the Grand Lodge for the present year.

Grand President

Mr. Andrew Hope, Sitka.

Grand Vice President

Mr. George Haldane, Hydaburg.

Grand Secretary

Mr. William Paul, Ketchikan.

Grand Treasurer

Mr. Ralph Young, Sitka.

In the adjustment of school work under the direction of Miss Stevenson, who is now principal of schools, the departmental plan has been put in partial operation, as follows;

History— Miss Schiedemantel and Mr. Yaw.

Mathematics— Miss Tait and Miss Stevenson.

Science— Miss Stevenson.

Chorus— Miss Tait.

Miss Tait also assists in mathematics in some of the lower grades.

NATIVE VILLAGE ORGANIZATION

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a mayor, a recorder or secretary, a treasurer and a municipal magistrate, all of whom shall serve without pay as prescribed by an act of the Territorial Legislature.

All members of the council shall serve one year, according to an act passed by the Territorial Legislature, unless re-elected for another year. At any business meeting the council may fill vacancies caused by resignations during the period of office, provided the said vacancies are reported ten days prior to said election. New members shall be elected by a two-thirds vote of the council.

The council shall hold meetings twice each week.

OFFICERS AND THEIR DUTIES

MAYOR

It shall be the duty of the mayor to preside at all council meetings

and to discharge his duties as prescribed by the laws of the Territory of Alaska and the council. In case of disability the mayor shall appoint another council member to act for him.

SECRETARY OR RECORDER

It is the duty of the city recorder to keep the minutes of all meetings held by the council and to conduct correspondence assigned to him by the council. He shall also keep records of city taxes and report the names of those who have paid and of those who are delinquent.

TREASURER

The treasurer shall keep a record of all the city funds. He shall cooperate in his work with the secretary. He shall report financial conditions at every business meeting of the council. The treasurer shall be bonded in the sum of two hundred dollars (\$200.00).

MUNICIPAL MAGISTRATE

The duties of this officer shall be to preside and pass judgment in accordance with laws provided for him by the Territorial laws of Alaska and the Federal laws of the United States of America. He shall have the power as a magistrate to impose fines as provided by an act of the Territorial Legislature, and as passed by the council of Angoon, Alaska.

"POLICE"

The duties of the city police shall be to make arrests in cases of violation of city ordinances. They shall have authority to make arrests without consulting the council. They shall have authority to act according to their best judgment.

Exports from Alaska during August were valued at \$6,453,687 the principal item being \$4,223,000, in canned salmon. It is stated that the Alaska pack of pink salmon will be 2,161,000 cases with a pack of half a million cases on Puget Sound.

FACTS ABOUT SITKA

The Natives with their primitive methods of sealing boats and spears captured 550 seal this spring valued at \$9000.00.

King Salmon caught by trollers in the waters about Sitka are valued at approximately half a million dollars per year.

Sitka is the third town in population in Southeastern Alaska.

The two salmon canneries in Sitka expect to can thirty thousand cases of salmon during the present season.

The richest gold lode mine in Alaska is located in the Sitka mining District.

Sitka has one of the most delightful climates in the world.

The thermometer never falls to zero in winter it never rises above 80 in the summer.

In Sitka you will find the combined beauty of the crystal fiords of Norway, the rugged grandeur of the mountains of Switzerland, the idyllic valleys of France and the blue placidity of the sea and sky of Spain.

Do not forget to take a look at Mt. Edgecumbe, the extinct volcano on Kruzof Island, the Three Sisters, Mt. Verstovia with its Arrowhead, Cross mountain and the Pyramids.

Booth Fisheries at Sitka freezes 3,000,000 pounds of halibut, salmon and herring in a normal season.

Japonski Island where the Radio Station is now located is scheduled to become the chief base of operation for the Navy in Alaska. It has been recommended by Admiral Coontz as the most logical place in the north for the centralization of Naval supplies and activities.

Sanitarium, the most noted Hot Springs of the north is two hours ride by boat from Sitka. The Hotel at the springs can accommodate 40 guests and reservations can generally be had by stop over visitors.

—Sitka Tribune Print

A LETTER

The following letter was written by Flossie George to a school girl in Indiana. It will be of interest to our readers because Flossie comes from the "farthest north" point of the American continent.

Dear friend:

I was told by our teacher about you, so I am going to write and tell you about my home. I came from way up north, Point Barrow. It took me over a month to come here to school. On my way here I passed East Cape, Nome, Seattle and Juneau. My home is far away and I had to come here to school.

Sitka is the most beautiful place. There are a lot of trees and big high mountains and lot of little islands around us, but it rains nearly all the time.

I came from where there is a lot of snow and ice. Sometimes the snow gets about eighteen feet high and it gets cold, about sixty below zero. We dress in fur in winter and we have a lot of dogs and reindeer. I always have dog rides in winter. We go fishing with my dogs. It is lots of fun to ride with dogs.

We have no trees or mountains at home. In summer time we have just a little green grass and a few flowers. This is the first time I ever saw high mountains and trees and everything is so interesting to me. This is the first time I ever saw fresh fruit and automobiles and I think they are wonderful. I never saw a lot of big things before in my life.

I shall be glad to hear from Indiana.

From your Alaskan friend,
Miss Flossie George.

Dr. Condit is taking a much needed rest, at the school camp. The camp is located at Crab Bay, about twelve miles from Sitka in a happy hunting ground for duck and geese and where bear and deer run wild.

U. S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
WEATHER BUREAU

Month of Aug., 1923. Station Sitka
Latitude. 57 degrees, 3 minutes.
Longitude. 135 degrees, 20 minutes.

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17	63	48	.37	cloudy
18	62	44	.33	pt.cl'dy
19	70	38	.00	clear
20	53	39	.00	pt.cl'dy
21	61	37	.06	cloudy
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28	58	45	.13	cloudy
29	59	50	3.04	cloudy
30	58	52	2.70	cloudy

C. C. Georgeson, Observer.

Note—An unusual occurrence: thundered August 26th at 4. A. M.

OUR AMBITION

Our teachers report that there has never been a more satisfactory attitude as to study. Some of our high school pupils are arising at five o'clock to have the advantage of the early hours. The arrangement of our schedule calls for one-half day of school and one-half day of work. But with the supervised study hours and the special application noted above our students will be able to make regular standing. It is our ambition to place the graduates of this school upon a par with the graduates of any of our Territorial schools in so far as course of study and attainments are concerned.

Raven Donnelly

THE VERSTOVIAN

A CLIMBER

In the October Home Mission Monthly is an interesting article by Raven F. Donnelly, a former S. J. S. student. Our space will not permit us to reprint the whole letter but the following items will interest many readers of **The Verstovian**:

Not until late years have I come to realize that Sheldon Jackson School, gave me my start. My teachers worked hard to show me the better way to civilization. They did me much good, for which I owe Sitka Training School and the Woman's Board of Home Missions everlasting gratitude.

There is nothing slow about the missionaries either, for at Sitka a school had been built years before this for the one purpose of educating the Indians, and to Sitka I was sent. To this day I cannot remember who sent me, but I know it was through the kindness of some missionary. In changing from my home ways to those of the Sitka Training School, I met many difficulties. I can still see my school teacher pounding her fists upon the table, driving the A B C's into our Indian heads. Nevertheless, in late years I had good marks. One day our teacher of the fourth grade was demonstrating geography to the class. Under my desk, with a pad and pencil I was busy working problems, for my love for mathematics had led me ahead of my class. Of course I was caught and I was punished by being sent to the blackboard to demonstrate my problem before the class. During my six years at school I gained knowledge along many lines. I felt I was able to write a good letter and I could repeat more than fifty Bible verses by heart.

Mr. G. W. Beattie, the superintendent, the man whom I had admired for his interest in athletics, taught us to play ball. I am glad to say our Indian ball team

was never defeated. Mr. George Beck, the assistant superintendent, believed in military training, and from him we learned, "Right shoulder arms." With our wooden guns we became soldiers of the future. "Uphold the Stars and Stripes of your country," Mr. Peck would say; "some day your country may need you." Those very words rang in my ears when Uncle Sam called men to arms in the year 1917, and I gave my services to my country for fifteen months in the war zone.

In 1910, after leaving school, I went back to my tribe. I found many improvements in my community, but it was not good enough for me. I longed for the days at Sitka and I thought much of the world I had heard and read about. My mother and relatives warned me never to leave my native land, and that I should follow the footsteps of my forefathers. But my ideas of life had changed and the stories of great cities, heard from miners, made me ambitious to see them.

In the summer of 1911, I left Kluckwan and stole into the darkness while my mother and the village were asleep. I knew there was excitement when the village awoke next morning, but I was miles away—a stowaway on the steamship Spokane heading south for the great cities.

In 1915 I returned to Seattle from Mexico, nineteen years old, strong and healthy. I came back to Washington Street and landed in the sailor's barroom where I had my first drink four years before. The whole ship's crew from the stokehole were there, men with whom I worked on my last voyage from Mexico. The bar was lined to the rim. I drank and drank until my money was exhausted. Drunk, yet knowing I must stop, I staggered to a chair and threw my arms upon the table, burying my head in them.

From outside the barroom came

a hymn sung by the Salvation Army, "Wash me in the blood of Jesus." Unheard by the other men, it came to me in a flash as a song I had heard many times sung by the pupils of Sitka Training School, a song I knew by heart. It brought the memories of my school days. I thought of my mother for the first time in all those years. I seemed to see her sitting before the bonfire, longing for me to come back. Tears came to my eyes as they had not done in years. I fell asleep on the table, ceasing to know the voices of drunken men.

The next morning when I awoke I swore, "I will never take another drink." I stepped outside the barroom, while the voices of the shipmates yelled for me to join them at the bar. I heard them, but did not know them any more. My reform went deep. I still had money coming from the last voyage; with it I bought text-books on marine engineering. I was on my way to success and on the road to a clean life.

Four years of hard studying while working on shipboard was no easy task. I met sneers from shipmates and overcame temptations. I went through hardship which no one would ever choose to endure but, hungry for knowledge and to make a better man of myself, I climbed within reach of the top step in marine engineering. In 1919 my certificate as "Second Engineer, Unlimited," was given to me by the Board of Examiners at Baltimore, Maryland. To-day I have but six months to go before I shall reach the highest engineering rank on board an ocean vessel. I have other ambitions now before me.

Sitka Training school and the Women's Board of Home Missions furnished me the key to my new life. I am proud of them and with profound feelings of gratitude I extend my deepest and sincerest congratulations to them for all they are doing.

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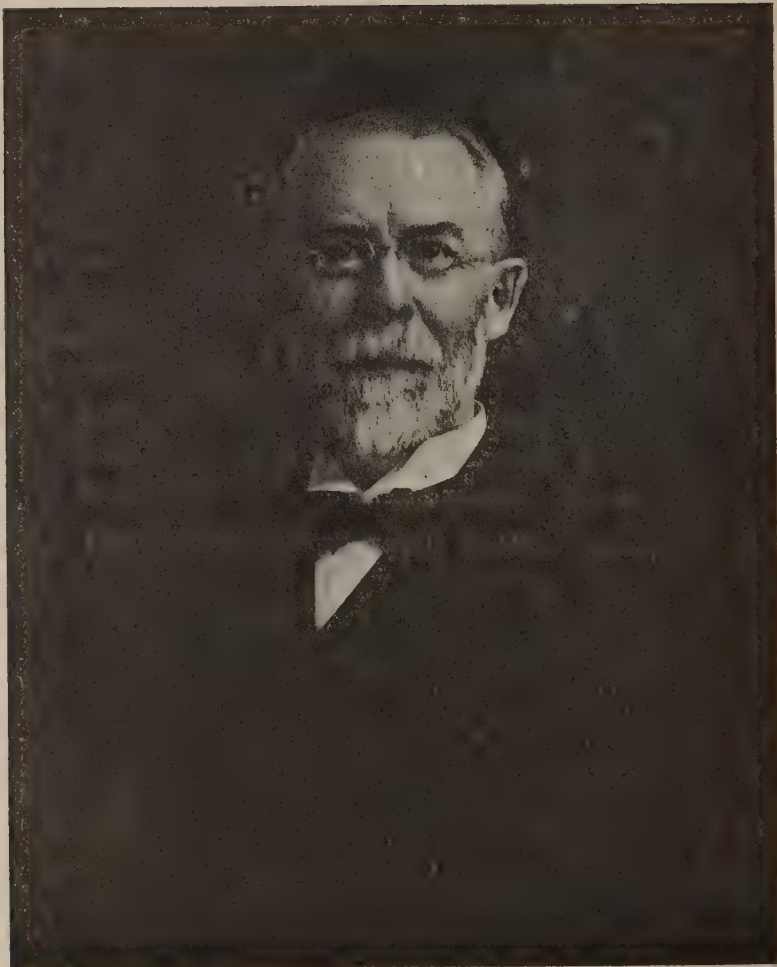
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Print Shop.
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Teacher, high school, Arkansas;
Teacher, Agricultural College, Arkansas;
Teacher, Menaul School, New Mexico.
Sheldon Jackson School, 1919--

CHARLES G. STUART, *Mechanical Engineering*.
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Belfast Technical Institute; Stevenson
Academy of Engineering, Liverpool;
Nineteen years practical experience.
Sheldon Jackson School, 1920--

ALFRED R. STOCKS, *Carpentry*.
Real Schule, Hamberg. Extension Course,
drawing and drafting, Chicago Technical
College.
Sheldon Jackson School, 1913-16, 1920--

LOTTIE E. STEVENSON, *Principal of Schools*.
B. L. Park College.
Matron, Good Will, S. D.; Teacher, Wells-
ville, Panguitch, New Jersey Academy,
Utah; Graduate work, University of Chi-
cago; Summer School, University of Colo-
rado, Asheville Normal School.
Sheldon Jackson School, 1914--

M. EDNA TAIT, *High School*.
Ph. B., Grove City College. Commercial
Department and Summer School, Wooster
University; Teacher in public schools of

Pennsylvania, thirteen years; Teacher under Woman's Board, Flag Pond, Juniper, Tennessee and Taos, New Mexico, seven years. Sheldon Jackson School, 1922—

ETHEL M. SCHEIDEMANTEL, *Grammar Grade.*

Graduate State Normal School, Bellingham, Washington; Summer School, University of California; Teacher public schools, Wenatchee, Washington.

Sheldon Jackson School, 1920—

BERTHA A. HARBISON, *Intermediate Grades.*

Graduate Indiana State Normal School. Student California State Teachers' College; Teacher, Indiana public schools, eight years; Oregon public schools, five years.

Sheldon Jackson School, 1923—

STELLA ROBBINS, *Primary Grades.*

A. B. Park College

Attended Southern Illinois State Normal University; Blackburn College; Teacher, Rural schools Illinois, five years.

Sheldon Jackson School, 1923—

LOIS H. MCKELVEY, *Home Economics.*

Diploma, Home Economics, Iowa State Teachers' College.

Teacher, public schools, Corydon, Iowa; Dietetics, Lankenau Hospital, Childrens' Homeopathic Hospital, Philadelphia.

Sheldon Jackson School, 1922—

EDNA B. INGRAHAM, *Music.*

Certificate from College of Music, Cincinnati, Ohio.

Teacher of music, Dwight Indian Training School, Oklahoma; Wasatch Academy, Utah, Sheldon Jackson School, 1924—

ZELPHA BARRELL, *Office Assistant; Supervisor Childrens' Dining Room.*

Completed course, Nevell Business College. Summer Session Department of Commerce and Finance, University of Utah; Business experience, twelve years; Office secretary, Wasatch Academy, two years.

Sheldon Jackson School, 1917-20, 1922—

MAY PARKER, *Supervisor, Small Boys.*

Matron, Anadarko, Oklahoma; Assistant Matron, Farm School, Asheville, North Carolina.

Sheldon Jackson School, 1914—

ISABELLA C. BOURHILL, *Supervisor, Small Girls.*

Attended the Priory, Lincoln, England; Certificates from Edinburg and Glasgow Universities.

Sheldon Jackson School, 1913—

ORA E. HAFT, *Supervisor, Large Girls.*

Graduate Jefferson Academy.

Course in Washington Business College; Attended Moody Bible Institute; Teacher, Sac and Fox Indian Reservation, Tama, Iowa.

Sheldon Jackson School, 1921—

MRS. ADELINE M. STOCKS, *Supervisor of Laundry.*

Graduate Bradford, Connecticut, High School and Butler Business School, New Haven.

Sheldon Jackson School, 1913-16, 1921—

CLARE KYLER, *Supervisor Teachers' Kitchen.*

Graduate Moody Bible Institute.

Attended Illinois State Normal; Teacher, public schools and missions.

Sheldon Jackson School, 1923—

HILDE LAIBLE, *Supervisor Childrens' Kitchen.*

Graduate private boarding school, Regensburg, Germany.

Diploma, Interdenominational Bible School, Minneapolis.

Teacher, Parochial schools, Iowa; Boys School, Efulen, Africa; School for Negro Girls, West-point, Mississippi.

Sheldon Jackson School, 1923—

MRS. GERTRUDE SWETS, *Assistant Supervisor*

Public schools, Grand Rapids, Michigan.

Sheldon Jackson School, 1923—

ELISE R. PIPPEREIT, *Nurse; Instructor in Hygiene.*

R. N., Missouri and California; Graduate, Academy Ottawa University, Ottawa University Research Hospital, Kansas City, Missouri and Baptist Missionary Training School, Chicago; Teacher, American Red Cross, S. W. Division; Hospital experience, Kansas City and Chicago: Industrial Nursing, Chicago.

Sheldon Jackson School, 1922—

WILLIAM LESLIE YAW, *Athletic Director; Supervisor, Large Boys.*

A. B., Cornell, Iowa

Sheldon Jackson School, 1923—

JOHN W. SWETS, *General Helper.*

Public Schools South Holland, Michigan; Assistant Manager and Disciplinarian, Rehoboth Mission and Boarding School.

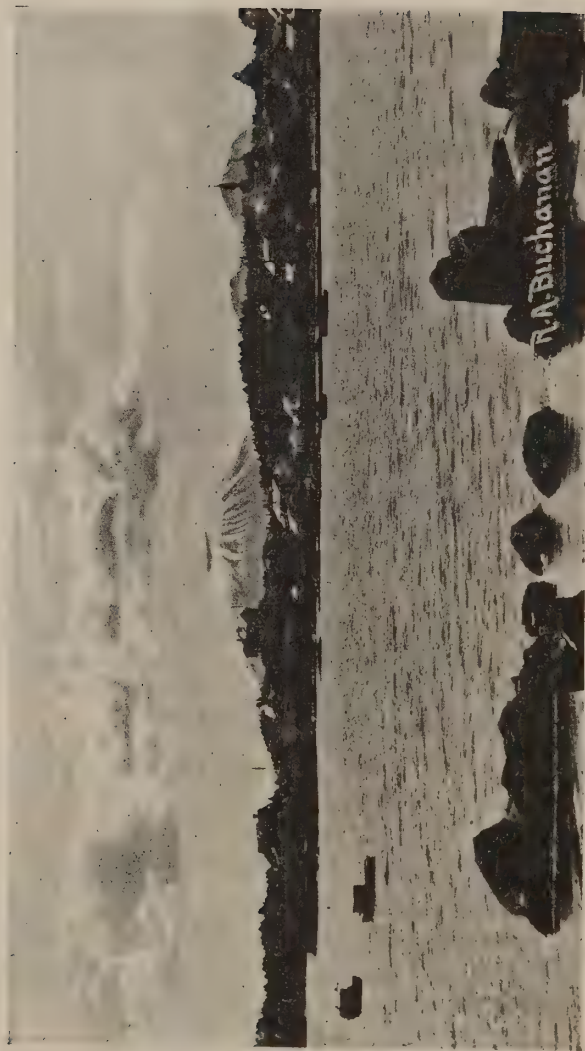
Sheldon Jackson School, 1923—

*JAMES W. JOHNSTON, *Attending Physician.*

MELCHIOR OLSON, *Night Watchman.*

Sheldon Jackson School, 1920—

*Resident physician, visits school daily.



"Sitka by the Sea" with Mt. Edgecombe in the distance.

HISTORICAL

Presbyterian Mission work in Sitka began with the arrival of Rev. John G. Brady and Miss Fannie Kellogg, April 11th, 1878. On Wednesday, April 17th, 1878, in a room on the upper floor of the old soldiers' barracks, they opened the Sitka Mission School of which the present institution is the lineal descendant. In December of this year Miss Kellogg became the wife of Rev. S. Hall Young. Upon her departure the school was suspended until the fall of 1879 when Mr. Alonzo E. Austin, of New York, reopened it with sixty pupils enrolled. In January, 1880, the Board of Home Missions appointed Miss Olinda Austin as missionary teacher and the work has continued without interruption, other than that incidental to rebuilding, from that date to the present.

In November of this year some of the boys applied for permission to live at the school room since there was so much drinking and carousing in their homes that they could not study there. Miss Austin replied that there were no accommodations for them but they were much in earnest and proposed to provide for themselves. Upon receiving permission, seven Indian boys, thirteen and fourteen years old, each bringing a blanket and a tin for a looking glass, left their homes and took up their abode in a vacant room of one of the government buildings.

In 1881 a boarding department for girls was added and Rev. Alonzo E. Austin was associated with his daughter in the school and Mrs. Austin was appointed matron. From this beginning the present Sheldon Jackson School has been evolved.

The old government building burned to the ground in January, 1882. An earnest appeal was

made to the Board of Home Missions and this appeal was given wide publicity by Dr. Jackson with the result that the Woman's Executive Committee promptly assumed responsibility for a new building. The structure was fifty by one hundred feet in dimensions and was three stories high. In 1894 Mrs. McFarland and her Wrangell school were transferred to Sitka. The name adopted for the institution was "The Sitka Training School."

This school building, with other structures added afterwards, was in use until 1911 when the present modern plant was erected. Four dormitory buildings and a commodious school building, with assembly room, constitute the main portion of the new plant. With these are to be associated the large structure which houses the machine and carpenter shops and the smaller building known as the print shop. Other buildings are the museum, the four cottages and the heating plant with the laundry in connection. The school has its own hydro-electric power plant which furnishes all its power and light and also supplementary heating. Each building is equipped with running water.

The name Sheldon Jackson School was adopted at the time the new buildings were erected. The purpose was to perpetuate the name and memory of the great missionary pioneer who brought protestant missions and modern education to Alaska. The school stands as a fitting monument to him whose name it bears. It is also a memorial to the Board which erected it and to the band of faithful men and women who have given themselves to uphold its standards and good name through the forty-six years of its service.

AIMS

The goal is expressed in the slogan; "*Competent Christian Citizens.*" The distinctive feature of the Sheldon Jackson School is that it is a Christian institution and places spiritual foundations first in the building of lives. It is an industrial school and aims to prepare for practical life—the making of a living. Accepting the Territorial standards it endeavors to give such an education as is offered by the public schools. In order to compensate for the time given to industrial training supervised evening study hours are maintained.

It is a boarding school and thus affords opportunity for the exercise of christian home influence. Teachers are assigned rooms in the dormitories and thus come in touch with the life of the pupils throughout the entire day as well as during school session hours.

As a boarding school opportunity is offered for the supervision of diet and other health essentials. Careful individual records of weights and physical condition are kept and corrective measures applied. Athletics under competent leadership has an important place in physical development. The social life of the school community is recognized as an important means to the general end and is carefully planned and supervised.

The native of Alaska has had the door of citizenship opened to him. In order to rightly discharge this, or any other public obligation, he must be made fit. In the future of this territory he is a potential asset. To ignore or neglect him is an economic blunder.

The aim of the Sheldon Jackson School is the symmetrical development of native Alaskan young people for the responsibilities of citizenship.

ADMISSION

Native young people of Alaska, who have reached the age of ten years, and who are able to pass the entrance physical examination and are otherwise acceptable are admitted to the school. It is the plan of the Board to eliminate primary classes below the third grade. There will be no classes lower than second grade for the coming year. Being a private institution the school reserves the right to refuse admission or membership to any who do not seem to merit its privileges.

It is to the advantage of pupils to remain in the school for a period of years. Indenture forms covering from two to eight years, according to the classification of the pupil, are available to parents and guardians who wish to make such arrangement. Under the terms of the indenture the school assumes responsibility for the period indicated and exercises oversight and authority during the entire time of the contract.

The school year extends through the summer months with special features intended to vary the program and keep up the spirits and maintain the health of the pupils remaining throughout the year. The summer school work is a modification of the winter course and gives the pupil remaining for it a decided advantage over those going out for the summer.

The graduating exercises are held in May at the conclusion of the school year.

Children from the Cottage Settlement are admitted as day pupils. All others are included in the boarding department. The institution is in reality a large school home where workers and pupils are in close contact. The pupils are under the direction of teachers and supervisors con-

tinually, whether at study, at work or at play. The work of the institution is done largely by the pupils and is not only a necessary condition of maintenance but also an important factor in training in habits of industry and preparation for after life.

A fee of twenty-five dollars a year per pupil is collected at the beginning of the school year. There is also a fee of five dollars per term of twenty lessons for piano instruction. These fees are nominal, representing but a fraction of the actual expense. It will be the policy of the school to insist that the native people assume such proportion of the cost of the education of their children as improving economic conditions shall justify.

Parents are expected to furnish all necessary clothing and shoes and to meet travel expense. Medical attendance is provided by the school.

The following dress regulations for girls have been adopted by the staff for the coming year:

For dress: 1 blue serge uniform

1 white middy.

For school: 3 gingham dresses or 2 gingham dresses and one dark middy and skirt.

For parties: 1 white dress, to be made of voile, or similar wash material. No silk dresses.

For work: 4 aprons

1 sweater

1 coat

1 TamO' Shanter.

Other articles of dress than those approved by the school will not be permitted. The boys are expected to provide work outfits in addition to ordinary clothing and also pajamas or other night garments.

Plan of Work

The work of the school may be grouped under four heads

I. Christian Training:

A. Religious Meetings.

Sunday; Morning, Church and Sunday School,
Evening, Christian Endeavor Societies.

Wednesday; Prayer Meeting.

Daily; Chapel,

Prayers in Dormitories.

B. Personal Work.

Leadership in Endeavor Societies, conduct of student religious meetings, assignments in Sunday Schools of village and school.

C. Bible Study.

Systematic instruction in Bible as a part of the study course in all grades.

Graded system of Sunday School lessons.

II. Academic Training:

COURSE OF STUDY

Our plan is to follow as closely as possible the course of study prepared for the schools of Alaska by the Commissioner of Education.

In connection with the course of study we use the Standard Tests recommended for Territorial Schools and are endeavoring to make our grade work correspond with the standard set for such schools.

We have adopted the plan of extending the time for completing the sixth grade course to two years. This is made necessary by our system of half day occupational training and half day in school with supervised evening study. This seems to be the best plan for completing subjects which have not received sufficient attention.

HIGH SCHOOL

All pupils are required to take industrial training and Bible throughout the course.

REQUIRED

First Year: English I.

General Science.

Mathematics.

Second Year: English II.

History.

Mathematics.

Third Year; English III.
 Biology.
 Commercial Arithmetic $\frac{1}{2}$ year.
 Civics $\frac{1}{2}$ year.

Fourth Year; English IV.
 American History.
 Chemistry in the Home.

ENGLISH

First Year; Text: Written and Spoken English, Clippinger.

Classics: Eliot, Silas Marner.

Scott, Ivanhoe.

Shakespeare, Julius Caesar.

Longfellow, The Vision of Sir Launfal.

Scott, Lady of the Lake.

Coleridge, Ancient Mariner.

Study of Independent Weekly.

Second Year; Text: Written and Spoken English, Clippinger.

Classics: Representative Short Stories.

Dickens, A Tale of Two Cities.

Shakespeare, As You Like It.

Longfellow, Tales of a Wayside Inn.

Tennyson, Enoch Arden.

Shakespeare, Merchant of Venice.

Study of Independent Weekly.

Third Year; Texts: Practical English for High Schools, Lewis and Hsieh.

English Literature with Readings, Pace.

Selections as outlined in Alaska Course of Study.

Classics: Tennyson: Idylls of the King

Shakespeare, Hamlet.

Goldsmith, She Stoops to Conquer.

Lamb, Selected Essays of Elia.

Magazine Study once a week.

Fourth Year; Texts: Practical English for High Schools, Lewis and Hsieh.

American Literature with Readings, Pace.

Classics: Selections from the Sketch Book.

Franklin, Autobiography.

Lincoln, The Gettysburg Speech, etc.

Poe, The Raven, Fall of the House of

Usher and other poems and tales
Study of Independent regularly.

Collateral reading: Each pupil is required to read and report on five books chosen from a list following closely that given in Alaska Course of study.

Declamatory Contests:

A contest open to all boys in the high school is held once each year. The winners in this contest for 1922-23 were Samuel Murchison, first; George Carteeti, second.

A contest for girls in the high school is also held each year. The winners in the contest for 1922-23 were Harriet Newell and Tillie Kennedy, tied for first place; Ethel Early second place.

MATHEMATICS

First Year: First Year Mathematics, Breslich.

Second Year: Second Year Mathematics, Breslich.

Third Year: Commercial Arithmetic, Van Truyl (one half year).

NATURAL SCIENCES

First Year: Elements of General Science, Caldwell and Erkenberry
Laboratory Manual accompanying same.

Third Year: Essentials of Biology, Hunter
Manual accompanying the same.

Fourth Year: Chemistry in the Home, Weed
Manual accompanying the same.

HISTORY & CIVICS

Second Year: Modern Times and the Living Past, Elson.

Third Year: Social Civics, Munroe and Ozanne (one half year).

Fourth year: History of the American People, West
Review of Alaskan History and Government.

BIBLE

First Year: New Testament Followers of Jesus, Squires
Memory work: Psalm 90.

Second Year: Paul, the Missionary and Traveler, Squires
Memory work: First Corinthians, 13.
(First and Second Years work alternates)

Third Year: Part Three (in preparation) Squires
Memory work: Romans 8.

Fourth Year: Teacher Training, Schauffler and others.
Memory work: Ephesians 6: 10-24.
(Third and Fourth years work alternates)

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**SECOND GRADE**

Reading; Texts: Baldwin Bender Second Reader.
Progressive Road to Reading, Book II.
The Golden Treasury, Book II.
Literature Series, Free and Treadwell,
Second Reader.

Supplementary reading;
A reader for silent reading.
A phonic reader.
Jones Second Reader.
Fairy Tales, Hans Christian Anderson.

Language; Text: Progressive Lessons in Composition, Book I.
Language games for correction of errors in speech.

Poems to be memorized and picture study
as outlined in Territorial Course of study.

Spelling, Words taken from Reading, Arithmetic,
Language, Bible, etc.
Visual presentation.

Minimum spelling list suggested in Terri-
torial Course of Study, page 54; one
hundred spelling demons, page 53.

Arithmetic; The forty-five combinations.
Simple Multiplication and Division.
Tables of time, measure and money.
Making of clocks, calendars rectangles and
simple book-keeping accounts.
Roman numerals.
Fractions $\frac{1}{2}$, $\frac{1}{3}$, $\frac{1}{4}$.

Hygiene; Health Projects, making of health posters,
cleanliness, food, exercise, posture, breath-
ing.

Morals & Manners; Text: Character Building in Home and School,
in hands of teacher.

Courtesy, cheerfulness, charity; self-control,
truthfulness.

The Good Citizen's Creed.

Simple Parliamentary laws.

Making of a few school-room laws by pupils.

Penmanship; Text: Writing Lessons for Primary Grades, Palmer.

Drawing & Construction: Carried out chiefly in connection with various holiday activities and poster work
Free hand drawing, tracing, crayon work;
Cutting, with and without lines; making
paper flowers and cardboard construction.

Bible, Memory work: Psalm 1, Psalm 8, Matthew 5: 43-48,
Twelve Apostles, Psalm 23, Psalm 100
Psalm 19 (first half), selected Proverbs.

Stories, God the Loving Father.

Nature Study, Follow Territorial Course of Study.

THIRD GRADE

Reading, Text: Riverside Third Reader

Supplementary, Children's Classics in Dramatic
Form, Book III.

Brooks Third Reader.

The Health Third Reader.

English, Text: McFadden Language Series, Book I pp 1-120
Poems memorized and pictures studied as
outlined in Territorial Course of Study.

Spelling, Text: Arnold's, The Mastery of Words, Book I,
pp 1-50.

Arithmetic, Text: Everyday Arithmetic, Book I.

History, Text: Little Journeys to Alaska and Canada.
National History Stories.

Geography, Text: Winslow's, The Earth and Its People.

Hygiene, Text: Haviland's, The Most Wonderful House in
the World, primer completed.

Bible, Text: God the Loving Father, Part III.

Memory, Shorter Catechism, 1-12, Psalm
19, Matt. 6.

Penmanship, Text: The Palmer Method of Business Writing,
complete drills 1-25.

FOURTH GRADE

Reading, Text: Riverside Fourth Reader..

Supplementary, Brook's Fourth Reader.
Heath Fourth Reader.

English, Text: McFadden Language Series, Book, I pp
121-252.

Poems and pictures as outlined in Territorial
Course of Study.

Spelling, Text: Arnold's, The Mastery of Words, Book I,
pp 51-90.

Arithmetic, Text: Everyday Arithmetic, Book I.

History, Text: Stories of Early American History, given by teacher.

Geography, Text: Mc Murry & Parkins, Elementary Geography, pp 1-143.

Bible Study, Text: Jesus the Light of the World, Junior Department; First Year, pp 1-65.

Memory, Shorter catechism 12-28, Psalm 27, John 1: 1-14.

Names of Books of Old Testament.

Penmanship, Text: The Palmer Method of Business writing, Review drills 1-25 and complete drills 26-40.

FIFTH GRADE

Reading, Text: Riverside Fifth Reader.

Supplementary, Brooks Fifth Reader.

Classics.

Current Events.

English, Text: The Mc Fadden Language Series, Book II completed.

Spelling, Text: Arnold's The Mastery of Words, Book I pp 91-130.

Arithmetic, Text: Everyday Arithmetic, Book II, pp 1-140 Courtiss Practice Tests.

History, Text: Stories of Later American History (Alaska Course of Study).

Geography, Text: Mc Murry & Parkins, Elementary Geography, pp 143-307.

Hygiene, Text: Primer of Hygiene, Ritchie & Caldwell.

Bible Study, Text: Jesus the Light of the World, Junior Department; First Year, Part I, pp 66-127.

Memory, Shorter catechism 28-45, Psalm 91, John 10:1-21.

Names of Books of New Testament.

Penmanship, Text: The Palmer Method of Business Writing, complete drills 41-61.

SIXTH GRADE-B

Reading, Text: Brooks Sixth Reader

Silent Reader, to be selected.

Classics.

Current Events.

English, Text: Self Help English Lessons, Book II, part I Poems and picture study (See Territorial

Course of Study).

Current Events.

Spelling, Text: Arnold's, The Mastery of Words, Book II,
pp 1-42.

Arithmetic, Text: Everyday Arithmetic, Book II
Courtiss Practice Tests.

Geography, Text: Mc Murry and Parkins, Book II
Part I, North America
Part II, General Geography.

Sanitation, Text: Primer of Sanitation; Ritchie.

Bible Study, Text: Following Jesus Day by Day.

Memory, Shorter Catechism 45-63, Psalm 103,
Psalm 121.

SIXTH GRADE-A

Reading, Text: Literary Classics.
Brooks Seventh Reader.
Current Events.

English, Text: Self Help English Lessons, Book II, Part II.
Poems and picture study.

Spelling, Text: Arnold's Mastery of Words, Book II, pp 42-
78.

Arithmetic, Text: Everyday Arithmetic, Book II, three lessons
per week.
Courtiss Practice Tests.

Geography, Text: Mc Murry and Parkins, Advanced Geography

Physiology, Text: Primer of Physiology, Ritchie.

Bible Study, Text: Following Jesus Day by Day, Part III.

Memory work, John 14, Psalm 24.

SEVENTH GRADE

Reading, Text: Brooks Eighth Reader.
Classics.

English, Text: Mc Fadden Language Series.
Grammar and composition.

Arithmetic, Text: Everyday Arithmetic, Book III, Part V.
Courtiss Practice Tests.

History, Text: History of the United States, from discovery
of America to Washington's Administration.

Current Events, one lesson each week.

Civics, Text: Community Civics, Parts I and II.

Bible Study, Text: God Revealing His Truth Through Patri-
arch and Prophet.

Memory, Shorter Catechism 63-83, Isaiah 53, John 15.

EIGHTH GRADE

English, Text: Hitchcock's Junior English Book.

Composition, Oral and written, spelling.

Arithmetic, Text: Everyday Arithmetic, Book III, part VI.
Courtiss Practice Tests.

History, Text: History of the United States, complete text.
Current Events, One lesson each week.

Civics, Text: Community Civics, complete Text.

Bible Study, Text: God Revealing His Truth Through His
Son, Part II.

Memory, Shorter catechism 83-107, Isaiah 55 John 17

MUSIC

Classes are conducted in the primary, intermediate, grammar and high school grades. The course of instruction is based upon the principles of vocal music and in keeping with the needs of child training throughout the different periods of school life. An understanding of a correct method of production, a clear enunciation of the vowel elements of the language and a knowledge of musical theory by a definite amount of actual hand work is emphasized for the purpose of fostering a love for good music and the ability to read words and music at sight.

Instruction in Piano is available for those whose standing justifies the undertaking of additional work. For this course a charge of \$5.00 per term of twenty lessons is made, payable in advance.

A school orchestra, with competent instructor, furnishes opportunity for training in this department of music.

MISCELLANEOUS**SOCIAL:**

Weekly social gatherings are arranged for the various grades with supervised entertainment and play.

LITERARY:

A literary society is maintained by the students of the High School furnishing excellent practice in public expression. Public entertainments are given at intervals throughout the year.

III. Occupational Training:**HOUSEHOLD ECONOMICS****SEWING**

The domestic art department is especially designed for the needs of native girls. The aim is to teach them to make all their clothing.

COURSE I- Plain sewing, 60 hours.**1. Hand sewing:**

- (a) Simple stitches and mending.
- (b) Neatness and accuracy of measurement.
- (c) Construction of tea towels and work bag.

2. Machine work:

- (a) The sewing machine, use and care.
- (b) Construction of night gown, bloomers, petticoat, corset cover and apron.

COURSE II- Dressmaking, 60 hours.

- 1. Study of and use of commercial patterns, measuring, and altering.
- 2. Cutting, fitting and making of slip, combination, aprons, dresses, white cooking apron, corset bandeau and wool uniform.
- 3. Simple embroidery stitches.

COURSE III- Advanced dressmaking, 60 hours.

- 1. Study of textiles.
- 2. Cutting fitting and making of wool and lingerie dresses and layette.

COOKING

Instruction has to do with foods, their composition, value and proper preparation.

COURSE I- SIXTH GRADE, 60 hours.**Simple Cookery Illustrating Food Principles.****1. Introductory Lessons:**

- (a) Combustion. Construction of range.
Fire building.
- (b) Care of utensils. Dishwashing. Measuring.

2. Starch:

Cereals, vegetables, fruits.

3. Protein:

Eggs, milk, tough and tender meat, cheese.

4. Leavening agents:

Air, steam, carbon dioxide gas.

5. Fats and oils:

Frying in deep fat.

COURSE II. SEVENTH GRADE, 60 hours.**Food Selection and Preparation.**

- 1. General review and variations of foods already prepared.
- 2. Cakes and pastry
- 3. Deserts.
- 4. Laundry lessons.

COURSE III. EIGHTH GRADE, 60 hours.**Dietetics and Serving.**

Review of food principles and cookery processes.

Planning, cooking and serving meals. Simple Dietetics; one hundred calorie portions of food weighed and measured.

Meals are planned in relation to:

1. Food value.
2. Balancing of food principles.
3. Expense.
4. Labor involved.

Breakfasts, luncheons, dinners are planned, cooked and served; then meals for a whole day.

Invalid diets planned, prepared and served.

A Model Cottage is provided to be used in connection with courses III and IV where girls may practice principles taught.

Two weeks training as assistant supervisor in school kitchens required before Model Cottage training.

Shelter and House Management.**COURSE FOR HIGH SCHOOL****1. The House—20 hours.**

- (a) Planning.
- (b) Furnishing.
- (c) Decoration.
- (d) Care.

2. Household Management—20 hours.

- (a) The budget.
- (b) Organization and division of labor.
- (c) Buying.
- (d) Marketing.

3. Home Nursing and Infant Care—20 hours.

Causes and prevention of sickness; health and the home; babies and their care; the sick room.

MACHINE SHOP

Shop work consists of training the students in the proper use of the lathe, shaper, drill presses and the various hand tools used in connection with machine shop work.

The class room hours for each pupil are as follows:

Machine shop, ten hours per week.

Mechanical drawing, three and one-half hours per week.

GAS and STEAM ENGINES

Special attention is given to the construction, operation and

repair of gas engines. Every effort is made to have this course a thoroughly practical one. Instruction in the principles of the steam engine is also given to such boys as desire it.

BLACKSMITHING:

In connection with the machine shop is a blacksmith shop where the boys are taught the forging of simple engine and machine parts; also the forging and tempering of tools such as cold chisels, drilling, etc.

PLUMBING and PIPE FITTING:

Instruction is also given in plumbing and pipe fitting, and such repairs and alterations as are necessary are undertaken by the boys under supervision.

STEAM HEATING:

In the steam heating plant boys desiring it, are given every opportunity to learn the proper method of caring for steam boilers, firing with fuel oil, operation and repair of steam pumps, heaters, traps and other apparatus in connection with a high pressure heating plant.

MECHANICAL DRAWING:

Mechanical drawing is taught in connection with machine shop work. The purpose is to develop the pupil's imagination and power to express himself on paper in the language of the shop.

ELECTRICITY

Class room hours for each pupil, ten hours.

The school electric plant furnishes opportunity for the boys to become acquainted with a modern water wheel, generators, switchboards, motors, electric heaters and wiring devices.

Laboratory instruction deals with the basic principles of electricity; armature windings, installation of dynamos and motors, care of magnetos and storage batteries, house wiring, wireless telegraph and telephone.

Such repairs and extensions as are necessary, are undertaken by the boys under the supervision of the instructor.

CARPENTRY

The course of work offered in the carpenter shop is intended primarily to train the boys for accurate work with hammer, saw and plane, which equipment most of them will own some day. Most of our younger boys begin their industrial work in the carpenter shop although it is not expected that all of them will become carpenters. Therefore, our first aim is to train the boys to do simple repair work around their homes. Our second aim is to

develop in the carpenter trade all boys who show talent and preference for wood work.

In general the course is planned for practical development and to meet the specific needs of the native people. This year the shop is branching out into boat-building which promises needed training for advanced pupils. Various repair jobs and new constructions around the institution also provide valuable training.

ELEMENTARY. Two half days per week.

Care of tools.

Planing exercises—jack-plane, smoothing-plane, block-plane.

Sandpapering.

Study of nails, correct method of nailing, use of hammer and nail set.

Rip-saw and cross-cut saw practise, use of hack saw, try square and bench hook.

EXERCISES: coat hangers, pencil sharpeners, book racks, candle holders, etc.

INTERMEDIATE. Three half days per week.

Care of tools.

Use of bit and brace.

Chisel work.

Construction of various joints.

Drawing knife practice.

Plane and saw practice.

Measurements, simple carpentry arithmetic.

EXERCISES: stools, stands, picture frames, benches, etc.

ADVANCED. Four half days per week.

Care of tools.

Saw filing and setting.

General carpenter work.

Study of wood.

Estimating of material.

Scale drawing of proposed work, so pupil can work by own plan.

Study of boat plans, study of framing square.

Saw table and band saw practice, simple wood turning.

EXERCISES: tables, chairs, boat-building, repairing and building construction.

PRINTING

A well equipped print shop is available for instruction in type-setting and composition. The mechanical processes involved in printing the school paper, **The Verstovian**, and job work required for the school furnishes practical work for pupils in this department.

CONCRETE CONSTRUCTION

Selection of materials, mixing and placing of concrete. Practice is given in work required about the school grounds and plant.

GARDENING, STOCK AND POULTRY

Clearing and preparation of land, fertilization, seeding and cultivation. Housing and caring for chickens and such other stock as may be practical.

SHOE REPAIRING

A shop for the repair of boots and shoes is maintained and operated by student labor.

PHYSICAL TRAINING

Under the slogan "Athletics for All" every pupil in Sheldon Jackson School receives gymnasium instruction and takes an active part in some form of athletic work. The aim is not only to build up each boy and girl physically, for the sake of health, but also to develop a healthful mind in relation to fair play and true sportmanship in life.

For the younger girls there are gymnasium classes twice each week, hikes, marching and play ground activities.

For the older girls, gymnasium classes twice each week, volley ball, basket ball, and marching.

Work among the younger boys has various forms. Among them are playground ball, basket ball, baseball, boxing, balancing, and Boy Scout training.

The older boys receive instruction and training in boxing, wrestling, military drill, basket ball and baseball.

Roll of Pupils 1923-24.

HIGH SCHOOL

FOURTH YEAR

George Carteeft, Jr. Hoonah
 Samuel Murchison Metlakatla
 Laura Takenouchi Katalla

SECOND YEAR

Raymond James Sitka
 Henry Kitka Sitka
 Daisy Jackson Sitka
 Frances Tamaree Wrangell
 Mary Worthington Petersburg

THIRD YEAR

Louise Weir Tenakee
 Harriet Newell Sitka

FIRST YEAR

Peter Perkins Sitka
 William Walton Sitka

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

EIGHTH GRADE

		Robert Grant	Hoonah
		John Kushneck	Ketchikan
Fenton Dennis	Haines	Richard Marshall	Juneau
George Hoolis	Klukwan	Charles Nelson	Rose Inlet
Benjamin Snook	Bay View	James Pete	Juneau
Robert Snook	Bay View	Thomas Saunders	Sitka
Walter Soboloff	Killisnoo	Samuel Watson	Juneau
Lois Gunyah	Bay View	Ella Davis	Killisnoo
Rose Hollywood	Sitka	Elizabeth Hollywood	Sitka
Nora Keene	Sitka	June Morrison	Juneau
Flora Marshall	Juneau	Jennie Peterson	Katalla
Margaret Williams	Kake	Ruby Soboloff	Killisnoo
Marion Wilson	Klukwan	Martha Skillie	Hydaburg

SEVENTH GRADE

		Lillian Wallace	Kasaan
		Maggie Wallace	Kasaan
Jackson Brady	Douglas	Rachel Wayha	Kake

David Friday Kake
 Roscoe Max Point Barrow

FIFTH GRADE

Gibson Young	Sitka	Peter Hoolis	Klukwan
Flora Collins	Ketchikan	Moses Kushneck	Ketchikan
Martha James	Haines	Arthur Paul	Petersburg
Katharine Johnson	Hoonah	Cyrus Peck	Sitka
Martha Kinninook	Ketchikan	Arthur Pigg	Haines
Annie Ridley	Sitka	Sergius Shakeley	Hoonah
Katharine Scott	Hydaburg	Frank Skannes	Wrangell

SIXTH GRADE

		Clifford Wayha	Kake
		Flossie George	Point Barrow
Jimmy Cadukechin	St. Michaels	Lily Grant	Kake

Tilly Hill	Hydaburg	Johnny Davis	Excursion Inlet
Louise Hollywood	Sitka	Eugene Duguqua	Kake
Alice James	Sitka	Tom George	Yakutat
Grace Kataas	Kake	Samuel Grant	Kake
Martha Klanot	Haines	Willie Grant	Kake
Mabel McKay	Ketchikan	Charlie Jim	Hoonah
Rebecca Nelson	Rose Inlet	Willie Rusk	Petersburg
Emma Perkins	Haines	Paul Starrish	Ketchikan
Julia Shotridge	Haines	Jimmie Thomas	Ketchikan
Emma Sumato	Killisnoo	Dexter Wallace	Kasaan
Elizabeth Wanamaker	Sitka	Herbert Willard	Wrangell
Beatrice Wilson	Juneau	Julius Williams	Juneau

FOURTH GRADE

		Elizabeth Adams	Juneau
		Julia Jacobs	Sitka
Carl Bilby	Nome	Mary James	Sitka
Arthur Dennis	Haines	Frances Johnson	Kake
Tom Bill James	Haines	Olga Keene	Sitka
Adam John	Klukwan	Clara Moses	Ketchikan
Eddie Johnson	Angoon	Annie Partridge	Hoonah
Gilbert Johnson	Angoon	Daisy Skillie	Hydaburg

Edwin Mercer	Juneau		
Ernest Perkins	Haines		

SECOND GRADE

Timothy Perkins	Haines	Thomas Hansen	Sitka
Gilbert Wilson	Klukwan	Paul Henry	Yakutat
Peter Williams	Hoonah	Johnnie James	Sitka
Willie Smith	Sitka	Billie Johnson	Angoon
Alice Beattie	Hydaburg	Peter Johnson	Angoon
Emily Bell	Wrangell	Lester Nelson	Rose Inlet
Mary Collins	Ketchikan	Frank Paul	Sitka
Fannie Fred	Angoon	Albert Smith	Sitka
Sophie Fred	Angoon	Joseph Starrish	Ketchikan
Ida Friday	Kake	Alfred Willard	Sitka
Adeline Johnson	Angoon	Joseph Williams	Ketchikan
Priscilla James	Kake	Ralph Young	Sitka
Emma Kashakes	Ketchikan	Miriam Bartlett	Sitka
Selina McCullough	Kake	Lucy Bell	Killisnoo
Annie Young	Sitka	Daisy Daniels	Sitka

THIRD GRADE

		Carrie Dowhitt	Bay View
		Sophie Houston	Killisnoo
Howard Alexander	Hydaburg	Annie Jackson	Haines
David Bean	Kake	Flora Jacobs	Sitka
Arthur Brown	Killisnoo	Emma James	Sitka

Annie Johnson	Douglas	Zenas Williams	Haines
Mabel Jones	Sitka	Margaret Albert	Killisnoo
Laura Klaney	Haines	Martha Cameron	Sitka
Mary Rose	Petersburg	Vivian Cropley	Juneau
Alice Worthington	Petersburg	Elizabeth Daniels	Sitka
Mary Young	Sitka	Martha Daniels	Sitka

FIRST GRADE

		Lizzie Hall	Tenakee
		Annie Johnson	Petersburg
David Anaskatt	Shakan	Martha McKinley	Hoonah
James Bartlett	Sitka	Lizzie Nakamoto	Petersburg
Teddy Dick	Sitka	Sallie Nakamoto	Petersburg
Eddie Jack	Killisnoo	Mary Price	Sitka
Johnnie Jackson	Haines	Betsy Rose	Petersburg
Joseph Jacobs	Ketchikan	Gertrude Sawa	Petersburg
Royal James	Kake	Gladys Skillie	Hydaburg
Albert Williams	Hoonah	Martha Williams	Ketchikan

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OUR NEW EQUIPMENT

Three building projects were carried to a successful conclusion during the past summer.

Our illustration gives an exterior view of the new infirmary building, a most welcome addition to our equipment. In our plan of work, with its triple scope, physical welfare is important. There are many defects to be corrected, due to improper nourishment and other forms of early neglect. Monthly records of weight and condition are kept for each child in the school and special treatment is accorded for specific needs. In addition there are the many minor ailments to which such a band of young people are subjected with the occasional outbreak of epidemic. Accidents requiring attention are continually occurring with an occasional serious case either by injury or infection. This makes it necessary to employ a physician who makes daily visits and also a resident, registered nurse who

is a member of our staff. In addition to these direct demands is our purpose of instruction in hygiene and training in elementary nursing. All of these purposes are admirably served in the new infirmary. The building is a one story structure with large attic which has been finished for storage and other purposes and basement of sufficient capacity to provide for heating plant, fuel, laundry room, etc.

The outside dimensions are fifty-seven by thirty-four feet with a sun porch on the south side which is also the main entrance. A large corridor extends from front to back on one side of which are the four two bed wards and bath room. On the East side are, in order, the dispensary, operating room, two nurses' rooms and kitchenette. Closets, shelves and other conveniences are abundantly supplied. The dispensary and operating room are well equipped with modern furnishings and instruments. A much more complete outfit than

would have been otherwise possible was made available through the gift of Mrs. Richard H. Allen, who gave one thousand dollars for this special purpose. The building is heated with hot water.

The dedication of this building will occur on February seventh, at which time the chairman of the Presbyterian committee on National Missions, Dr. R. J. Diven, will give the address and the pastor of the local church, Rev. W. S. Marple, will offer the dedicatory prayer.

Another building completed during the summer is the Ada F. Pears cottage provided by the Pittsburg Presbyterian Society and named in honor of a respected member of that organization. This complete little house is occupied by the family of one of our married workers. It contains a large living room, fourteen by thirty feet extending across the entire front of the house, bedroom and kitchen and also has two rooms on the second

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"CONSIDER THE SALMON"

Every Kayhitem has watched and been thrilled by the sight of salmon jumping the falls. The king of old was thrilled by the lumbering spider as he slowly spun his web, but it is evident that he never had a chance to watch the spectacle of a silvery finned salmon flash through the spray of a waterfall, only to fall back time after time, bruised and bleeding, on the rocks below.

The writer will never forget the first time that he saw a salmon make the falls. He was not a big fellow—just an ordinary fish—but he had GRIT. He did not appear to have any more swimming ability than any of his comrades who had fallen by the wayside. Neither do I think he had any more brains than any other fish, but he had NERVE.

The thought came to me, "What does he want to get up those falls for anyway? If he knows that he has to die, what does he want to torture himself to death for?" There must be something driving that fish to such gallant efforts, I soliloquized, and there was. The reason why that fish refused to give up when defeat seemed inevitable was the desire to serve the salmon race.

Kayhitems, there is a lesson for you there. It is only such an unselfish purpose as dominated that salmon which will carry you over the bumps and falls of life.

If it is self which motivates you, for two years: 1922-24, leaving then you will fail, "to make the school because of ill health. It falls," as you have deserved. There are obstacles in life which can only be met and conquered when one rises above self into the greater realm of service to your fellows. You may be just an ordinary "fish," but it requires more than a superabundance of brains or herculean strength to lift one above the rank and file in someone else's estimation but himself.

—Kayhitems, Ketchikan, H. S.

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floor. It would be difficult to find a more serviceable small house than this. We are a second time indebted to the Pittsburgh Presbyterial for cottage homes. The dedicatory service for this cottage will occur at the same time with that of the infirmary.

We are under obligation to Mr. M. A. Brown, an elder in the First Presbyterian Church of Seattle, for the faithful construction of these building. A large share of credit for the economical use of funds and the thoroughly reliable workmanship is due to him.

The third project has been the installation of a heating plant. The old, central high pressure system has been replaced by three individual plants consisting of Birchfield boilers and Ray Oil burners. The new system insures the maximum of efficiency with greater economy of fuel.

For these much needed and greatly appreciated improvements we are sincerely grateful to all who have made them possible. It is our earnest purpose that the new equipment may make for greater efficiency in the accomplishment of our mission in the Sheldon Jackson School.

A telegram announces the death of Lillian Wallace, who passed away on January nineteenth. She was a faithful student in Sheldon Jackson School

for two years: 1922-24, leaving school because of ill health. It was a great trial to her to give up her plans for she was a conscientious and diligent student. Her death has caused much sorrow among the older students and the teachers who knew her.

FROM THE FAR NORTH

At Sitka, Alaska, is located the Sheldon Jackson School for the natives of the far north. For many years the school has published a paper. We have read the paper for a long time and from it have formed a most favorable opinion of the capacity of the institution. The Verstovian is the name of the paper in question. In a recent issue is an article on Eskimo life before and just after the appearance of white people among the Eskimos. It was written by Flossie George, an eighth-grade pupil, and is really a most interesting and instructive narrative. We believe its merit justifies us in making a reprint.—Chemawa American

HONOR STUDENTS

For the six weeks ending January fifteenth the following have attained the Roll of Honor

North Pacific Hall:	Stevenson Hall:
Cornelia Phillips	Erma Baronovich
Martha Skillie	Florence Wilson
Marion Wilson	Olga Keene
H. M. M. H.	Fraser Hall:
Percy Ipalook	Richard King
John Davis	Arthur Dennis
Andrew Jackson	Joseph Johnson
Those whose names appear below have attained an average of eighty-seven in Citizenship and are classified in group 1.	
Erma Baronovich	Marion Wilson
Andrew Jackson	Flossie George
Elizabeth Hamilton	Adeline Johnson
June Morrison	Cornelia Phillips
Emma Shakes	Martha Skillie
Albert Brown	John Davis
Arthur Dennis	Fenton Dennis
Robert Grant	Percy Ipalook
Joseph Johnson	Richard King
Roscoe Max	Oscar Osborne
Joseph Pratt	Walter Soboleff
William Walton	

We confidently expect that this number will be largely increased for the next period.

THE LIFE OF ST. LAWRENCE ISLAND ESKIMOS

In the year of 1924 Mr. Nickerson was sent by the Presbyterian church as a missionary to Gambell on St. Lawrence Island and Mrs. Nickerson was sent there as a teacher by the Bureau of Education. I was sent there as Mrs. Nickerson's assistant. The school had an enrollment of fifty-five. The population of Eskimos on that Island was about four hundred.

The beliefs, marriage customs and homes of the St. Lawrence Island Eskimos are entirely different from those of the mainland Eskimos but they have very much the same habits and customs as the Siberian Eskimos.

The Eskimos of the mainland are trying to live more like white people but white people are not allowed to go to St. Lawrence Island for the winter, except as teachers.

They use the same kind of materials for their clothing but they have a style all their own. The women wear blouses like parkas of calico with six inch flounces on the bottom over their deer skin parkas, which comes down to their knees. The deer skin parkas have hoods fringed with dog skin which stands out from their faces. This is the most popular fur for parkas, because in winter the breath does not freeze into icicles upon it. Underneath the parkas the women wear fur suits shaped at the bottom like bloomers. The mukluks are different from ours in that they are lined near the top with thick hairy deer skin.

They live differently from the description given in most books. They have houses of walrus skin and those who can afford to buy lumber to build their houses have frame houses. Snow houses are comparatively unknown. Inside the large house is a smaller house covered with grass and skin

This has a deer skin curtain in front with two holes just large enough for a face. These holes are used for ventilation. In this room several families live, eating and sleeping there, all getting along peaceably. It is so hot and badly ventilated that they often go almost naked while indoors. Every married woman has her own seal oil lamp on which to cook meals. This lamp also furnishes light.

The people live upon the flesh of the seal, the walrus, the whale, and the reindeer with sugar, tea and very little of bread which is baked in school. The women cut the boiled meat or frozen meat into small pieces and place it in a wooden bowl. The family sit around in a circle on the walrus skin floor. To eat this they use their fingers in place of forks.

According to their marriage custom the young man has to work six or seven years for his wife before he can marry her and then some times he fails to get her. Polygamy is sometimes practiced.

The girls and women have been tattooed on their faces and hands to make themselves beautiful as they think.

One of their beliefs is that in every child is the soul of one of its ancestors. Therefore they will never punish their children for fear of insulting some respected grandfather or grandmother. The children are taught not to play with the Eskimo ball made of deer skin filled with reindeer hair just before the hunting season for fear of driving the whales, seal and walrus out from the shore. Before the whaling season opens the men offer sacrifices to the moon by throwing meat into the air.

Several men are witches and their way of trying to cure the sick is by beating the drum and singing a song used especially for this purpose.

In the month of June, while I

was there more than fifty Siberian Eskimos arrived at Gambell to trade and to play games. The first sunshiny morning the men formed a circle and ran around dropping out of the circle when tired. They wrestled with upper part of the body bare and threw each other down on the ground. In the evening the midnight sun made the light as bright as day. They had an Eskimo dance in one of the largest rooms. Eight musicians sat in a row, playing drums shaped like tambourines, made by stretching skin tightly over a hoop about two feet in diameter. Each man pounded his drum with a rod and sang changing the expression of his voice according to the story of the song. The first dance was given by two sturdy young men. All wore gloves of skin. The dancing was largely a series of postures in which the arms were swung this way and that. They kept time to the music by stamping the floor. Later one woman joined the dance to show that she was relative to these men. She kept time by bending her knees and swinging her arms. After the dance was over we went outside for an exhibition of blanket tossing. Forty men surrounded a walrus hide about fifteen feet square holding it low. A boy jumped into the middle of the hide. He stood upon his feet and at a word they jerked the hide taut, sending him up into the air. As he fell they came closer together, then again threw themselves back tossing him higher, continuing to do so as long as he could keep his feet. A girl took his place and was tossed into the air amid the hilarity of her friends. She had been practicing ever since she was small and therefore won the contest. The blanket tossing and dancing are very much the same as mainland game except that we celebrate by tossing only when a whale is caught.

The leaders of St. Lawrence Island Eskimos organized a

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Cooperative Reindeer Commercial Company paying big dividends of furs and carving ivory to the stock holders. It is the most prosperous of all native stores.

There was but one family which had lived as christians there, since Dr. and Mrs. Cambell went out, after being there for nine years.

Mr. Nickerson organized a Sunday School and Christian Endeavor Society and before he left there were about forty young Christians on that Island. Missionaries are more needed on that Island than any other place on the northern part of Alaska.

Ethel Sage 8th grade, 1926

CHRISTMAS

Our Christmas week was very enjoyable. At midnight, following a long established custom, our older boys visited the homes of the community singing Christmas carols. Early in the morning pupils in the various dormitories investigated stockings bulging with special gifts. The entire school gathered in the chapel later and encircled the large tree with its beautiful decorations. An appropriate program had been prepared with reading of greetings and other attractive features. In the evening the Thlinget Native Church was filled to capacity by friends of the school. The pageant of this year "The Holy Nativity" was rendered by older boys and girls in a most impressive manner. Both singing and acting were of exceptional merit. The impression on the audience was marked. It was a successful presentation of the appeal of the little Child of Bethlehem. Appropriate services were held in both churches on Sunday. Friends of the school had made liberal provision for dinners. The dining rooms were decorated with greens fresh from the florist. We have never had a more profitable and enjoyable celebration.

TERRITORIAL FLOWER

Alaskan school children are voting on the question of a Territorial flower. Sheldon Jackson School scholars have indicated their preference for the Forget-me-not, as indicated by the following vote:

For-get-me-not	26
Rose	18
Blue Bell	16
Violet	12
Lupine	8
Columbine	5
Shooting Star	5
Water Lily	2
Daisy	2
Fireweed	1
Swamp Laurel	1
Dandelion	1
Salmon Berry	1
Total votes cast	98

BENEFACTORS

Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society, Montesano, Wash.
Webb-Horton Memorial Church, Middletown, N. Y.
Missionary Society, Presbyterian Church, Clarkston, Wash.
Market Square Presbyterian Church, Junior Dept. of Sunday School, Harrisburg, Pa.
Pioneer Presbyterian Church, Sunday School, Marinette, Wis.
First Presbyterian Church High School Bradford, Pa.
Guild, Presby. Church, Belvidere, Ill.
Presbyterian Missionary Society, Santa Maria, California.
Missionary Society, Presbyterian Church Buckley, Wash.
Ladies Aid, Presbyterian Church, Neppel, Wash.
Westminster Guild chapter, Presbyterian Church, Catskill, N. Y.
Woman's Missionary Society Presbyterian Church, Port Angeles, Wash.
Presby. Church, Aurora-On-Cayuga, Rochester, N.Y.
First Presby. Church, Scarborough-On-Hudson, N.J.
Girl Scouts, Troup 36, James A. Garfield High School, Los Angeles Calif.
Westminster Guild Chapter, Presby. Church, Catskill, N.Y.
Immanuel C. E. Class, New York City Westminster Circle, Presby. Church, Gettysburg, Pa.
Missionary Society, Presby. Church, Sparta, Ill.
Mrs. Richard H. Allen, Chatham, N.J.
Mrs. T. O. Fabro, Spokane, Wash.

U. S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE WEATHER BUREAU

Month of Dec., 1926, Station Sitka, Latitude, 57 degrees, 3 minutes. Longitude, 135 degrees, 20 minutes.

DATE	TEMPERATURE		PRECIP.	STATE OF
	MAX. IMUM	MIN. IMUM		
1	46	25	.06	Cl'dy
2	42	34	.10	Cl'dy
3	46	35	.88	Cl'dy
4	46	37	.51	Cl'dy
5	47	36	.36	Cl'dy
6	47	40	.89	Cl'dy
7	45	39	.46	Cl'dy
8	50	41	2.75	Cl'dy
9	48	40	.30	Cl'dy
10	49	33	1.42	Cl'dy
11	38	27	.02	Clear
12	35	24	.00	Clear
13	30	19	.00	Cl'dy
14	33	25	.00	Cl'dy
15	36	29	.00	Cl'dy
16	39	28	. T	Clear
17	40	31	.30	Cl'dy
18	47	36	.00	Cl'dy
19	46	38	.30	Cl'dy
20	40	26	.10	Cl'dy
21	34	19	.02	Clear
22	38	26	.20	Pt. Cl'dy
23	42	34	.25	Cl'dy
24	42	33	1.10	Cl'dy
25	42	32	.40	Cl'dy
26	46	35	1.82	Cl'dy
27	45	38	1.10	Cl'dy
28	46	35	.65	Cl'dy
29	41	32	.52	Cl'dy
30	48	37	.40	Cl'dy
31	49	36	1.00	Cl'dy
M. T. Georgeson, Cooperative Observer				

Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Veghte, Pasadena California.

Missionary Society, Presby. Church, East Orange, N.J.

Westminster Guild Circle, Presby. Church, Mount Pleasant, Ohio.

Adeline Johnson is slowly recovering from a very severe attack of pneumonia.

The author of the article on St. Lawrence Island natives, appearing in this issue, is Ethel Sage; an Eskimo girl whose home is at Kivilina. Ethel was a member of the Sheldon Jackson eighth grade class of 1926. She is now assistant teacher in the Bureau of Education School at Barrow.

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PLANS FOR NEW SAGE BUILDING COMPLETED

INDUSTRIAL BUILDING CONSTRUCTION WILL BE STARTED IMMEDIATELY concrete structure, with basement under approx. imately fifty percent of the floor area. It will be

Preliminary work, in preparation for the erection of a new building on the campus, has been under way for several weeks. The new building, the Sage Memorial Building, which will replace the old Eliot F. Shepard structure, is a part of the program of Sheldon Jackson School designed to better meet the needs of the natives of Alaska by offering a comprehensive industrial course with modern tools and appliances.

The architect's perspective of the new building is shown above. It was designed by Mr. N. L. Troast of the school staff.

Outside dimensions of the new building, which is of the Modified Gothic style, are 52 by 77. In addition, the hydroelectric building, shown in the right foreground measures 14 by 15 feet.

The building is to be a two story, reinforced

of beam and girder construction, the hydroelectric plant being only one story high.

Specifications for the Memorial Building require the completion of the hydroelectric plant in 21 working days and of the entire building in 90 working days after the letting of the contract.

On the main floor of the building the carpenter and machine shops will be located, each measuring approximately 28 by 52, the carpenter shop on the left half and the machine shop on the right half. Modern designs and layouts have been studied and applied for the shops.

Opening off the machine shop will be a forge room, with a capacity of three forges, and a large tool room. Five new lathes of varied sizes, a new grinder, in addition to much other new equipment is to be provided.

The new hydroelectric plant will consist of a vertical shaft turbine which is being furnished by James Leffel and Company of Springfield, Ohio. It will be capable of developing 140 horsepower, practically twice the present power. It will be controlled by a Woodward oil pressure governor, and the generator of a vertical type is being furnished by General Electric. Alternating current will be delivered in place of the present direct current. The hydroelectric plant will have no other equipment in it except the switchboard and overhead crane, being constructed for one purpose only.

Wrecking of the old shop building was commenced on April 8th and has proceeded rapidly under the assaults of the boys of the school. The old power plant is to be separately housed until a turbine is also being laid. Excavation of the 650 foot trench to hold the 42 inch conduit was begun the first of April, with many of the boys also doing their share of such work. The old truck is being used to haul dirt to make fills in various places throughout the campus.

New poles have been secured to carry the wires for the new system. Boys have been busy skinning the poles so that they will be ready for use when needed.

The construction of the new building has justly been deemed one of the largest construction jobs and projects that the school has had for a number of years. The interest of all has been especially secured because the new structure is to furnish what will be perhaps the most up to date industrial school plants in Alaska today.

FOUNDERS' DAY IS OBSERVED HERE

In keeping with the annual observance of Founders' day, and in special recognition of Margaret Olivia Sage, whose donations have made the new industrial building possible a special service was held in the gymnasium on the evening of April 17th.

The school orchestra opened the service with two numbers. There was congregational singing following this, and a chorus, the "Gloria" by the high school.

Dr. Condit gave a brief sketch of the early days of the school from a historical basis, calling attention to the fact that it was just 51 years ago, to the very day, since the school had first been opened April 17, 1878. He years with 88 eighth grade graduates since 1915, the year of the first graduates, and 21 high school graduates, since 1921.

William Wells who was a pupil at the first school and later at the boarding school gave some of his recollections of Sheldon Jackson. He recalled that after the home was destroyed by fire on February 26, 1882, the boys lived for some time in the government slaughter house. He also recalled the difficulty with the police authorities that Sheldon Jackson had gotten into in 1884 because of the misunderstanding of some of the natives, and how the officials themselves had later suffered for their part in the trouble.

William A. Kelly, sometimes known as "Father Kelly" and the man who served longer as

superintendent of the school than any other man, had his story told by Mrs. Ray James, one of his pupils. Mr. Kelly, living in Pennsylvania, is now 79 years old. Though his name is perhaps little known to those who know Sheldon Jackson history, it seems to be among the present adult generation that it was Father Kelly who made the strongest impress on their young minds, and whose methods and precepts have been remembered longest by them. Mrs. James told of how Mr. Kelly ran things in a military style, requiring promptness and obedience. He endeavored to develop the responsibility of the children by assigning student sergeants and leaders from among their own number according to their characters. Mrs. James exclaimed at being able to tell publicly of her appreciation of what Mr. Kelly had meant to her and to many other students.

Following a chorus by the high school boys, "I Hear Thy Voice Dear Lord," Miss Tait gave an outline of the life and guiding principles of Mrs. Margaret Olivia Sage's life, after which Mr. Troast, architect for the Sage Memorial Building, presented the plan and purpose of the building.

Congregational singing and the benediction by Rev. Jackson L. Webster brought the service to a close.

Members of the high school classes were invited and attended the declamatory contest of the Sitka High School, held in the Moose Hall on April 9th.



Members of Sheldon Jackson High School 1928 - 1929

Included in the above picture are the members of the high school. In the following list the numbers 1, 2, 3, and 4 refer to freshman, sophomore, junior and senior, the other names to the home town of each student. Reading from left to right the students are;

Seated: Ruby Soboleff, 3, Killisnoo; Catherine Johnson, 3, Hoonah; Martha Skillie, 3, Hydaburg; Flossie George, 3, Barrow; Elizabeth Hamilton, 3, Hydaburg;

Irene Grassamoff, 2, Kodiak; Margaret Shakes, 2, Wrangell; Miss Tait, Miss VanVranken, Mr. Yaw, Mr. Paddock, high school teachers; Beatrice Wilson, 2; Haines: Emily Bell, 1, Wrangell; Nancy Edenso, 1, Craig; Cornelia Phillips, 1, Barrow; Sophie Angoon; Adeline Johnson, 1, Barrow; Roscoe Max, 4, Barrow; Fenton Dennis, 4, Haines; Tom

Williams, 2, Metlakatla; James Thomas, 1, Kake; Oscar Osborne, 3, Hoonah; Percy Ipalook, 3; Barrow; Richard Newton, 3, Kake; Albert Brown, 3, Hydaburg; Joseph Pratt, 3, Hoonah; Gilbert Wilson, 1, Kluckwan; Arthur Dennis, 1, Haines; Arthur Demmert, 1, Klawock; Robert Grant, 3, Hoonah; Henry Davis, 2, Kake; and Stephen Luke, 3, Kodiak.

Grade School Enrollment

Fourth Grade

Elsie Bennett
Clara Benson
Stella Benson
Richard Boyd
Esther Harris
Fred Harris
Luke Jacobs
Daisy Johnson
Robert James
Wilbur Johnson
Milton Kashakes
Martha Lokke
Rose Peratrovich
Hazel Williams
Rosabella Williams

Fifth Grade

Irene Collins
Elizabeth Daniels

Martha Daniels
Raymond Daniels
Nathaniel Eknave
Sitka Rosamond Frank
Yakutat Lorena Guthrie
Yakutat Louis Harris
Killisnoo Andrew James
Ketchikan Thomas James
Juneau Ronald John
Sitka Joseph Johnson
Hoonah Stella Johnson
Angoon William Johnson
Angoon Mollie Lokke
Ketchikan Martha Osborne
Sitka Joseph Ozawa
Klawock Ernest Paddy
Hoonah Lawrence Paul
Klawock Frances Peratrovich
Everett Pigg
Ketchikan Julia Tagcook
Sitka Amy Takesado

Sitka Alice Thomas
Haines William Wanamaker
Pt. Barrow David Wayha
Hydaburg Joseph Williams
Ketchikan Lawrence Bahovec
Ketchikan Ada Charles
Angoon Vivian Cropley
Juneau Albert Davis
Angoon Lila Grant
Hoonah Florence Hayes
Angoon Elizabeth John
Sitka Lorraine Johnson
Hoonah Wilmoth Jones
Juneau Charles King
Haines Edna McKay
Angoon Mary McKay
Klawock Martha Newton
Haines Maggie Panigeo
Haines Pauline Phillips
Juneau

Klawock
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Petersburg
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Wrangell
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NATIVE PROGRESS

In a letter to Dr. Sheldon Jackson, written in 1878 by Rev. John G. Brady, afterward governor of Alaska, is an interesting and vivid word picture of native conditions at that time. The occasion was that of the first protestant religious service held by an ordained clergyman stationed as a missionary in Alaska after the American occupancy. Mr. Brady writes as follows:

"As we began to sing some of the Moody and Sankey hymns the Indians began to steal in and squat themselves on the floor along the wall. Most of them had their faces painted black; some were black and red, and a few had the whole face black with the exception of the right eye, which was surrounded with a coat of red. All but a few of the chiefs were in their bare feet, and wrapped in blankets of various colors."

And later on, after the sermon, "Sitka Jack, the chief, broke into a gesticulating speech, telling how bad they were heretofore, fighting and killing one another."

Teachers and missionaries sometimes become discouraged because the ideals and the actual are so far separated.

Those who complacently rest in the supreme assurance of church and state toward Alaska the race superiority complex after the occupancy of 1867 was sneer at the "Siwash," class that of neglect. It was not until him with the untouchable and ten years later that education leave him to his fate excepting and missions began their beneficent work. Both church and in so far as selfish interest school may well take courage leads to his exploitation. from the results which have been attained in less than fifty

It is well to consider the wonderful progress which the Alaska native has made in the fifty years since the first sermon was preached in the old Baranoff castle. To use a single illustration, referred to in another place, at that time no native children were in school for the reason that there were no schools. The condition of illiteracy and ignorance constituted a total eclipse in so far as modern education is concerned. To the latest statistics from the Bureau of Education indicate that practically all native children of school age are in school. This is significant not only in relation to the future culture of the native people but also in indicating the general attitude of natives toward education. And this is but one indication of the remarkable transformation which has taken place in a time. Practically all the characteristic accomplishments of primitive types have disappeared. Blankets, canoes, witchcraft, slavery, medicine men, tribal divisions and wars and the numerous other indications of heathenism familiar to the missionary and teacher of fifty years ago are no more. Today it may be truthfully asserted that the Alaska natives are civilized and christianized. They have adopted the customs of civilized life, are recognized by the government as citizens and are functioning today as an integral part of our commonwealth.

NATIVE

EDUCATIONAL

STANDARDS

The annual school statistics of the Bureau of Education, for the year ending June 30, 1928, have recently been published. The section dealing with Alaska indicates that much is yet to be accomplished in raising educational standards among the native people.

During the year 3832 children were enrolled in government schools. Of this number 1630 were in first grade, 609 in second grade and 521 in third grade. In other words of all native children in attendance at Bureau of Education schools more than 72 percent were in classes lower than fourth grade. Of the six school districts in Alaska but one reports ninth grade pupils, the southeastern with 16 pupils in this class. In all districts there were 76 eighth and 65 seventh grade pupils or a total of less than 5 percent in classes above the seventh grade. During the same period there were but 37 eighth grade graduates in the entire territory from federal schools.

The first government appropriation for educational purposes was made in 1884 in the year Dr. Jackson was appointed as head

of the Alaska division of the Bureau of Education. At that time the natives of Alaska were universally illiterate and uneducated. It is to the credit of the native people that in the brief period of 45 years they have passed from a state of no children in school to that of practically all children of school age in attendance.

It is encouraging to note that the standard for teachers in this field is being progressively raised. The ideals and advance in educational interests among the natives of Alaska is in the hands of the teachers. It is also encouraging to observe that the native people are coming more and more to appreciate the meaning and scope of education and are demanding better facilities for acquiring that which is the rightful heritage of every American child, a common school education.

In this connection it is interesting to note that during the year ending June 30, 1928, there were 12 pupils in the ninth grade of Sheldon Jackson School and eight graduates from the eighth grade. Also there were 31 students in the High School with four graduates from that department. We are able to offer to aspiring young native people the opportunity for a complete common school education and to couple with it training in the industrial features which enter so largely into native life. With our new equipment we hope to be able to offer more and more that preparation for farther educational adventure which should appeal to ambitious native youth.

Flossie George will return to Point Barrow after the close of school this year and will be assistant teacher in the Bureau of Education school. She will go north with Dr. Greist.

BOOKS ARE RECEIVED

Dr. Robert J. Diven, formerly pastor of the Sitka church but now located at Wrangell, recently presented the school library with thirty well selected volumes. Dr. Diven has many times manifested his interest in S. J. S. For this latest expression of that interest we thank him.

In this connection we might make a plea for more gifts of this character. Our budget is exhausted before we reach the "extras" and we have had little to appropriate for library supplies. It is our plan to establish a library room in the near future and to make this feature of greater importance in our educational scheme. Should any readers of *The Verstovian* be moved to follow the good example of Dr. Diven it will help us in our efforts to minister more fully to the native young people of Alaska.

EQUIPMENT FOR NEW SHOP

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The carpenter shop will have a separate finishing and painting room and a stock room. A combination saw and joiner, a new band saw and other items are to be added to the equipment.

In the basement there will be a pipe and tin shop and a boat shop, besides the boiler room and coal bunker.

The second floor will provide two large, light class rooms, a shoe shop 12 by 16 feet, a drafting room, 18 by 28 feet, an electric laboratory, a general store room and a supply room and the print shop, which will measure 31 by 28½ feet. The shoe shop and print shop are both to be provided with a good deal of new equipment so that both will be fully able to meet the extensive demands made on them throughout the year.



TWO ARE GRADUATED FROM HIGH SCHOOL

The members of this year's high school graduating class, shown here, are Roscoe Max (left) and Fenton Dennis.

Roscoe Ahlak Max was born within the Arctic Circle in 1905. He attended the Barrow school at irregular intervals. In 1923 he and Flossie George were the first Eskimo children to come to Sheldon Jackson School. Roscoe entered the seventh grade here. He will be the first Eskimo graduate of this school, and is also the first Eskimo member of the Alaska Native Brotherhood.

Fenton Dennis, a Thlinget Indian, was born in Haines in 1905, but first attended Cushman school in Tacoma, Washington. Later in 1921 he came to Sheldon Jackson entering the fifth grade and he has been here ever since, with the exception of one year when he was out of school. He plans to return home next year and later to continue his education in the states.



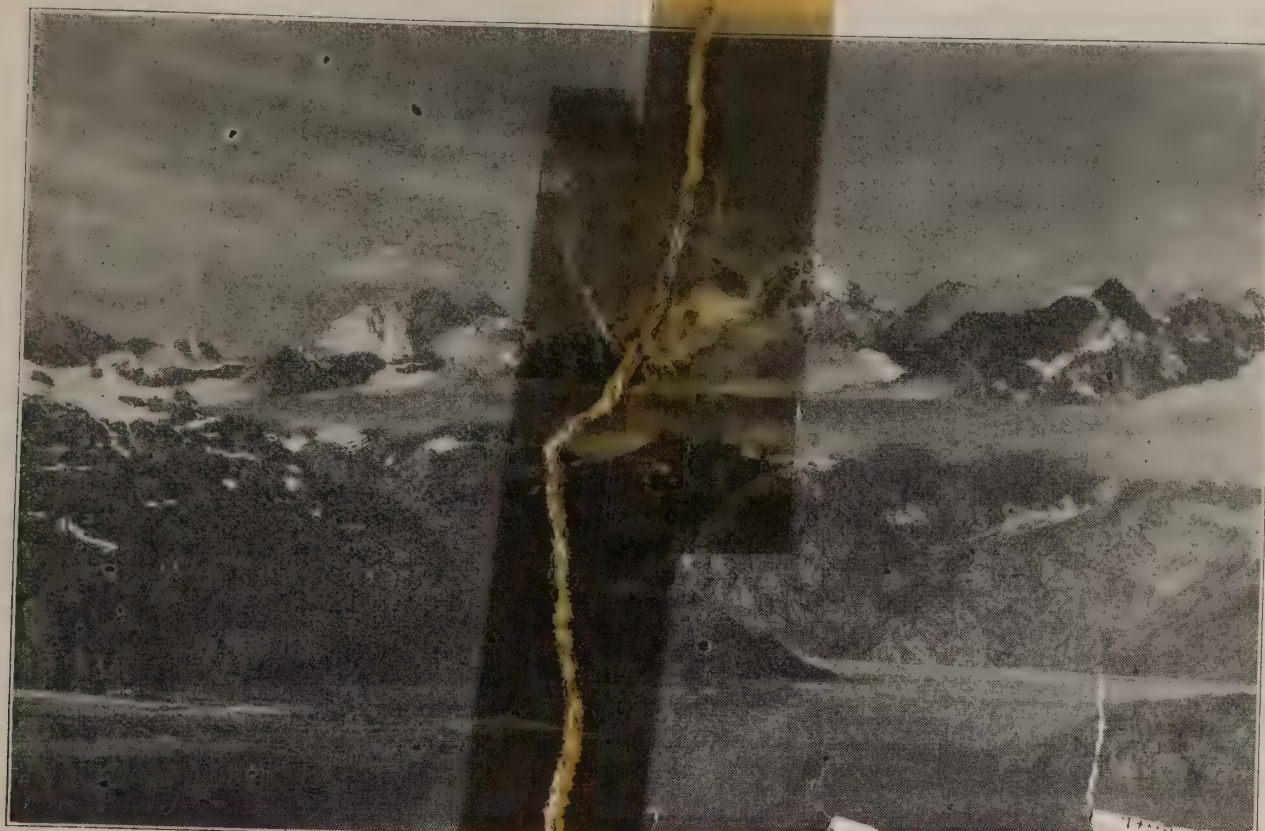
One of the best known, but at present least visited, of the Alaskan glaciers is that immense body of ice, known as Muir glacier, which comes to a termination in the waters of Glacier Bay, about 100 miles north of Sitka.

The *Verstovian* is pleased to be able to print in this issue two recent pictures of the Glacier Bay region, now visited but rarely. Formerly the tourist steamers made regular trips to the Bay and to the glacier, but for a number of years now, the dangers of navigating the inlet have been too great for large ships. The channel is continually changing and is mostly uncharted; it is also impossible because of the numerous shoals and masses of floating ice, for steamers to get close enough to the glacier for a satisfactory view. As a result tourists today are shown the well known Taku glacier, and if they journey to the Westward the Columbia glacier.

The picture printed above is of Muir glacier itself. Its water front is approximately a mile in extent, and has an almost perpendicular

front of between 200 and 300 feet. According to observers the roar of the ice breaking off from the glacier is almost continual, and the waves produced by these blocks falling into the water is extremely dangerous to small boats in the vicinity.

Muir glacier was discovered in 1879 almost by accident by John Muir, the great American naturalist, and was explored briefly by him at that time. Later, a more extensive exploration, including a 10 day trip on the top of the glacier itself, was undertaken by him. Muir glacier has for a number of years been a receding glacier, that is, it has been breaking off faster than it has been pushed forward by the ice behind. Vancouver, exploring the Alexander Archipelago more than a hundred years ago, reported the mouth of what is now Glacier Bay full of ice. Even though his evidence is of no great scientific importance because he made no attempt to enter the inlet and really determine the front of the glacier still the land surrounding the bay itself gives ample evidence that the glacier has been over it in very



recent times for the shores are devoid of much of where extremely cold temperatures are recorded the vegetation common to other portions of South- in winter, glacial regions are only very small in extent, or are entirely lacking.

Because of the great scientific interest in the Glaciers are not formed in extremely cold or glacier, the region has been set aside by the proclamation as Glacier Bay National Monument. The clouds blowing over high mountain peaks. These glacier itself has two main tributaries, the twenty conditions cause glaciers in this section, for the and twenty-two miles long, figures which give an winds and clouds are warmed by the Japan current of the immense size of the glacier which has rent, and are filled with moisture picked up from a surface area of 350 square miles and a drainage to the Pacific, while high peaks border all the shores. area of 850 square miles.

But Muir glacier is not the only body of these elevated regions and by reason of continual the region. The Bay is the center of one of the packing, freezing and pressure, finally forms largest glacial deposits of Alaska. The inlet to, into what are known as glaciers. one of these glaciers emptying into the bay is h. Among the many peaks of the vicinity, Mt. shown in the second picture, John Hopkins Inlet, Fairweather is the tallest and closest, towering to behind which is seen Mt. Quincy Adams. The a height of more than 15,000 feet, not more than glaciers are of different types, some advancing, 30 miles from the head of the Bay. It is visible some receding, some large, some small. in fair weather to the tourist crossing the Gulf of

The presence of such glaciers and such glacial Alaska. This peak, like the surrounding ones is regions is no evidence of the severity of the in reality the birthplace of the numerous glaciers climate of this section of Alaska. On the contrary, which are yet, in spite of the many other attractions in the interior of Alaska, and in the Arctic region, tions of Alaska, the prime tourist interest.



COMMENCEMENT PLANS ARE ANNOUNCED

Five events are on the program for the closing weeks of school this year, four of them in con-

A cantata, "The Legend of Sleepy Hollow," will be given by these seventh and eighth grades on Saturday evening, May 11th, in the gymnasium. In addition to this number there will be a Latin playlet, produced by the members of Mr. Yaw's Latin class, and also two orchestra selections.

The senior banquet, in honor of the high school graduates, Roscoe Max and Fenton Dennis, will be given on Saturday evening May 19th. On Sunday the Baccalaureate services and sermon will be held according to custom in the Thlinget Presbyterian church.

A cantata, "The Village Blacksmith," and several musical numbers will be given at a program to be held in the gymnasium on Monday evening. "The Spy," a play of Revolutionary days will also be given at that time. The characters in this play are being taken by son,

The above picture is of the Sheldon Jackson School Orchestra which during the past year has been much used in many programs given by various school organizations. Members of the orchestra, Roscoe Max, Fenton Dennis, Oscar Osborne, Mrs. C. G. Stuart, pianist, Arthur Demmert, Richard Newton, Mr. G. S. Clark, director, Tom Williams, and Miss Ruth Green.

boys and girls of the high school, the following having parts in it: Margaret Snakes, Adeline Johnson, Cornelia Phillips, Henry Davis, Martha Skillie, Percy L. Cook, Albert Brown, Gilbert Wilson, Tom Williams, Arthur Dennis, and Joseph Pratt.

The concluding program of the school year will be the graduation exercises on May 21st, which will be held in the Thlinget church. At that time the following members of the eighth grade class will receive their certificates: Elizabeth Agizza, Hazel Benson, Harold Donnelly, Thomas Jackson, Walter John, Eddie Johnson, Richard King and Paul

JOSEPHINE SCOTT MATTHEWS

Word was received here late in March of the death in the Government hospital at Juneau of Mrs. Josephine Scott Matthews, who was well known to many of the faculty members and pupils of the school.

As Josephine Scott she was one of the early graduates from the school's eighth grade, which was as far as the school went at that time. Later she entered the Government hospital at Juneau and was the first nurse to be graduated from that institution. She was also the first woman to acquire citizenship under the regulations which were in force before the present ones.

After her graduation as a nurse she was a member of the hospital staff for some time and was later, before her marriage, a field nurse in several of the native villages.

She was born on Prince of Wales Island 34 years ago. Her father, Edwin Scott, was a prominent leader among the Hyda people and for many years an elder in the Presbyterian church.

Mrs. Matthews was at all times interested in religious matters and in the life and advancement of her people. Her loss is sincerely regretted by her many friends and relatives who besides the personal loss also feel the great loss which her death means to the native work of Alaska.

The two high school seniors will give the essays which they have prepared and will then be presented with their diplomas. Following this the commencement address will be given by Rev. Jackson L. Webster. Special musical numbers and choruses are being planned for the evening.

Sitka, has won a host of friends during his residence here.

Announcement was made early in April of the engagement of Miss Helen C. Davis to Mr. Herbert Gordon. Miss Davis came to Sheldon Jackson School last fall, having been graduated last summer from Oregon State College. Mr. Gordon, who is at present studying in New York City, is also a graduate of O. S. C. Miss Davis will return to Oregon the first of June. The marriage has been planned for early in the fall.

Great excitement reigned on the campus on April 17th when a hydroplane appeared out of the sky quite unexpectedly. It turned out to be a plane from Juneau, originally from Seattle, scouting out the proposed air mail route from Juneau to Sitka. The plane, of the Lockheed-Vega type in which Wilkins flew from Barrow to Spitzbergen, brought passengers from Juneau, making two trips during the day. By steamer it is at least a 12 to 14 hour trip; by plane it was made in an hour and eight minutes.

All the grade children of the school on the invitation of the U.S. Public School attended the declamatory contest and the eighth grade graduation exercises of the school which were held in the A.N.B. hall at 8 o'clock April 24th.

A Social for members of the high school and invited friends was held in the Practice House at 8:30 o'clock Saturday evening March 16th. Games were played and refreshments in the form of green ice cream and green decorated cakes were served. The party was planned by the freshman and sophomore girls.

1928-1929 Enrollment

(Continued from page three)

Mary Price
Ralph Young
Ruth Young
Alfred Willard
Patsy Ungarok

Seventh Grade

Elsie Armour
Miriam Bartlett
Lenora Bell
Esther Boyd
Daisy Daniels
Agnes Dennis
Archie Dundas
Clarence Dundas
Arthur Eide
Lena Fournie
Linda Frank
Fanny Fred
Andrew Gamble
Jennie Game
Willie Grant
Tom Hollywood
Flora Jacobs
Flora James
John James
Clara Johnson
Nicholas Kitka
Laura Klaney
Claude Morrison
Emil Taug
Dexter Wallace
Herbert Willard
Arthur Williams
Florence Wilson

Eighth Grade

Elizabeth Agizza
Hazel Benson
Harold Donnelly
Thomas Hayward
Thomas Jackson
Walter John
Eddie Johnson
Richard King
Paul Ozawa

Total Enrollment 128
High School 28
Grammar Grades 100

Languages represented

Thlinget 101
Eskimo 8
Tsimpshean 5

Communities represented

Sitka 18
Angoon 14
Ketchikan 11
Klawock 7
Hydaburg 6
Kake 5
Kilisnoo 3
Yakutat 3
Haines 15
Hoonah 12
Juneau 9
Barrow 7
Wrangell 5
Metlakatla 5
Kodiak 3
Three others 3

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE WEATHER BUREAU

Month of April 1929, Station Sitka.
Latitude, 57 degrees, 3 minutes.
Longitude, 135 degrees, 20 minutes.

DATE	TEMPERATURE		PRECIPITATION	STATE
	MAX.	MIN.		
IMUM	IMUM	IMUM	IMUM	IMUM
1	39	29	.44	Pt. Cl'dy
2	38	26	.48	Pt. Cl'dy
3	33	18	.00	Clear
4	36	6	.00	Clear
5	35	15	.01	Pt. Cl'dy
6	43	32	.42	Pt. Cl'dy
7	44	21	.00	Clear
8	40	21	.01	Pt. Cl'dy
9	49	31	.00	Pt. Cl'dy
10	45	25	.00	Pt. Cl'dy
11	50	29	.00	Pt. Cl'dy
12	55	35	.00	Pt. Cl'dy
13	51	30	.04	Cl'dy
14	55	34	.00	Cl'dy
15	52	36	.27	Pt. Cl'dy
16	49	27	.01	Pt. Cl'dy
17	48	29	.04	Cl'dy
18	44	29	.03	Pt. Cl'dy
19	51	25	.02	Pt. Cl'dy
20	52	25	.00	Clear
21	54	26	.00	Clear
22	54	27	.00	Pt. Cl'dy
23	61	31	.00	Pt. Cl'dy
24	55	39	.07	Cl'dy
25	55	40	.03	Cl'dy
26	51	44	.24	Cl'dy
27	46	36	.28	Cl'dy
28	49	31	.11	Pt. Cl'dy
29	49	50	.02	Cl'dy
30	47	32	.01	Pt. Cl'dy

E. A. Eggersgluess, Cooperative Observer

A new troop of Boy Scouts has been started in Sitka, with S. J. S. being the sponsoring organization. The first meeting was held the afternoon of March 26th in the large room above the hospital. The room which is used only in time of epidemic should prove an excellent meeting room. Fifteen boys from the school and six from the Bureau school were present at the first meeting. Mr. LeRoy is scoutmaster of the troop and Mr. R. A. Ryder, principal of the Bureau school, is chairman of the troop committee.

SHOPS TURN OUT LARGE QUANTITY OF WORK

A large number of individual projects has been carried out by boys in the machine shop and carpenter shop during the past year, and many tools and pieces of furniture have been made for use on the campus.

In the machine shop the boys have completely overhauled the Model T Ford truck, have built an all metal incinerator for the school, retubed one of the hot water boilers of the school, while at the same time they have maintained the plumbing for the institution and with four shifts daily have tended the furnaces and boilers which furnish heat to the entire institution. The junior boys have made eight friction joint inside calipers, while the senior boys have made eight spring joint calipers. Other tools made in the shop include screwdrivers, a surface gauge, a machinist's tri-square, spur centers for wood working and engine lathes, and machinists' hammers of various sizes.

The larger projects of the carpenter shop have included the construction of a garage, the third floor of the Practice House, a crib, eight book cases, five step ladders, three ironing boards, five magazine racks, a large table, one 12-foot boat, and one 7-foot boat, a laundry truck, 4 bulletin boards, an umbrella stand, three waste baskets, besides numerous miscellaneous articles such as tie racks, coat and hat racks, shelves, lamps, chisel and screw driver handles, mallets, foot stools, window frames, as well as the numerous repair jobs which are continually arising on a campus of this size.

Benefactors

List concluded from last month

- Mrs. M. Luft, Montesano, Wash.
Calvary Presbyterian Church, Tacoma, Wash.
W. M. S., Moscow, Idaho.
King's Daughters Class, First Presbyterian Church, Williamson, N. Y.
Pioneer, Presbyterian Sunday School, Marinette, Wis.
Tinalia Girl Reserve Club, Pasadena Pres. Church, Pasadena, California.
Miss Elise R. Pippereit, Los Angeles, California.
Mrs. G. C. Woods, Prescott, Wash.
Mrs. E. C. Miller, Tacoma, Wash.
Webb Horton Memorial Pres. Church, Middletown, N. Y.
Intermediate Christian Endeavor Society, Third Church, Elizabeth, N. J.
Mrs. M. C. Larsen, Seattle, Wash.
Mrs. J. A. Shoudy, Ellensburg, Wash.
W. M. S., Presbyterian Church, Omak, Wash.
Pres. Missionary Society, Wenatchee, Wash.
W. J. Department, Market Square Pres. Church, Harrisburg, Pa.
Level Lifters (Jr. Society), Pres. Church, Centralia, Wash.
Tuxis Endeavor, Pres. Church, Tekamah, Neb.
Cayuga Presbyterian, Mrs. Geo. S. Bailey, Auburn, N. Y.
Christian Endeavor Seniors and Juniors, Emmanuel Pres. Church, New York, N. Y.
Mrs. Florence S. Ormiston, Arkansas City, Kansas.
Mrs. D. A. Terradell, Pismo Beach, California.
Miss Magdalene Larsen, Sec'y., Young Ladies Club, Seattle, Wash.
Jr. Endeavor Society, First Pres. Church, Salt Lake City, Utah.
W. M. S., Federated Church, Saline, Mich.
First Presbyterian Church, Spokane, Wash.

An interesting Easter pageant was presented in the Thlinget Presbyterian Church during the Sunday School hour, by the children of the lower grades of the school.

CITIZENSHIP GRADES ARE ANNOUNCED

Citizenship gradings for the fifth period, which ended April 5th, resulted in the following winning places on the honor roll:

Charles King, Nicholas Kitka, Paul Ozawa, Percy Ipalook, Robert Grant, Joseph Pratt, Flora Jacobs, Adeline Johnson, Martha Skillie, Martha Osborne, Amy Takesado, and Edna McKay.

Additional pupils who were high enough to be placed in Group one were:

Tom Hollywood, Archie Dundas, Arthur Dennis, Sophie Fred, Martha Newton, Stella Johnson, and Elsie Armour.

The high school girls of the territorial school defeated a team held in the gymnasium the afternoon of April 10th. The final score was 12 to 8. The girls from Stevenson Hall were more successful and defeated the grammar grade girls of the territorial school by a score of 10 to 4.

Girls of Stevenson Hall who are members of the SHY Christian Endeavor society presented a very interesting program in the gymnasium on Saturday evening, March 30th. The society is called SHY in honor of S. Hall Young. The purpose of the program for which admission was charged was to raise money for hymn books for the society. Recitations and two short plays were given, one of the latter being called "50-50." It showed the results when a group of young men and one of young women vow never to marry. Girls of the society took the part of the young men with wonderful success.

TWO CLASSES GIVE PROGRAMS IN CONTEST

Freshman Are Winners

Jean Valjean and his adventures were presented in a series of short acts by the members of the junior class in the third of the Literary Society class contests, held March 22nd in the gymnasium.

In addition to the play which was well received by the Society and others present, there were piano solos, duets, and vocal solos by members of the class, all of which were enjoyed. Albert Brown and Richard Newton also gave a short "double," entitled "Mr. Pry and Mr. Spry."

Members of the faculty were again judges of the contest.

On the basis of the enthusiasm shown by the audience the freshman program in the Literary Society class contests, which was held Saturday evening, April 27th, was one of the most enjoyable of the four.

The program dealt largely with the observance of Arbor Day and trees. A number of recitations and poems were given. There was also a saxophone solo and a piano duet and piano solos.

The audience apparently judged the short play "Organizing a Society" one of the best parts of the program. It depicted the difficulties that a young man ran into when he tried to explain the formal procedure for organizing a society to those who had never heard of the process before.

A song by the freshmen, about themselves, sung to the tune of "Collegiate," concluded the program and received hearty applause.

As a result of the scores given by the various judges

Successful Field Day Is Held April 19th

One of the most successful Field Days ever held at the school took place on April 19th. A perfect day and the interest of all contestants and spectators were largely responsible.

Events for the younger boys and girls were held in the morning when blue, red, and white ribbons were awarded winners. The events included running, jumping, pole vaulting, sack races, three-legged races, and similar contests.

The customary events, which comprised a contest between the grammar grades and the high school for the 1929 school pennant, were held in the afternoon. Points were awarded in these events; five, three, and one for first, second, and third. Points counted towards the winning of individual S. J. S. monograms. Winner with 15 points earned by three firsts in the high jump, 50 yard dash, and 100 yard dash. Nicolas Kitka was second with 12 points earned by a first in the broad jump, second in high jump and a tie for first in the pole vault. Throughout the contest the freshman class was announced to be the winner. The scores were as follows: seniors - 84; juniors - 80; sophomores - 80; and freshmen - 86.

The programs were judged on the following basis of points: choice of material - 20; personal appearance - 15; enunciation - 20; pronunciation - 10; preparation - 25; and expression - 10.

All those who took part in the winning program prepared by the Freshmen were entertained at a supper in the high school room on Wednesday evening May 1st.

FINAL DECLAMATORY CONTEST IS HELD

Cornelia Phillips Wins First

Eight girls and six boys took part in the freshman-sophomore declamatory contest which was given in the Thlinget Presbyterian Church Saturday evening, April 6th. Cornelia Phillips, who gave "The Cross of Christ," and Margaret Shakes who gave "The Door, a Crack," were awarded first and second places respectively.

Tom Williams with "Tick-Tack in" and Gilbert Wilson with "His Flag" tied for third place.

Judges of the contest were Miss Porter, Mrs. Burdick, and Mr. F. P. Ulrich. Orchestra numbers, piano solos, and choruses by the high school were additional numbers on the program.

The present school year closes on Tuesday, May 21st. Summer vacation begins on Wednesday, May 22nd. School will open for the 1929-30 year on Thursday, September 12th.

Other winners and their points were as follows: Claude Morrison - 10; Arthur Dennis - 3; Robert Grant - 7; Stephen Luke and Gilbert Wilson - 5 each. Arthur Williams and Willie Grant - 4 each, Andrew Gamble and Eddie Johnson - 3 each, Richard Newton, Percy Ipalook, Oscar Osborne, James Thomas and Tom Hollywood - 1 each.

An interesting program was given in the evening in the gymnasium, including a number of talks, stunts, and a demonstration by members of the newly-formed Boy Scout troop. The 1929 pennant was also awarded to the high school by reason of its having amassed a total of 74 points in the various events of the day compared to 60 by the grammar grades.

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W.I. GLEE CLUB VISITS SITKA

The Wrangell Institute Glee Club which is on its second annual tour arrived in Sitka on the afternoon of April 18. That evening the Glee Club gave a concert which judging by the attendance and applause of the audience was a success. Certainly the students from the Sheldon Jackson School enjoyed it.

The chorus which is composed of forty members, twenty girls and twenty boys, has a very strenuous tour ahead of them. They came to Sitka from Angoon and from Sitka they plan to go to Hoonah and then to Juneau. In Juneau, besides other planned concerts, it has been arranged for them to broadcast from the KINY Radio station.

E. W.

THREE GENERATIONS AGO

I like to hear my grandfather tell about the time when he first came to school in Sitka. In his days there were thirty Tsimseans here and Sheldon Jackson brought them up from Metlakatla. Most of them were pretty good at music. About all they had to do was to get musical instruments and they would have a band.

Some of the boys were quite disappointed when they found that they had to walk a long distance to school. Occasionally, to cheer themselves up, they would choose a drummer, take out their flutes, and start off with the tune: "The Girl I Left Behind Me"! When they arrived on the campus, the girls would hang out of the window, just as we do to-day. Most of the girls left their other boy friends to go with the musical Tsimseans.

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DAY BY DAY

March 2 The Sophs prepared a swell supper for us in the gym, then furnished some good entertainment. The social was lots of fun.

March 6 Don't tell me the Senior girls didn't try their best! The Junior and Senior girls played a strenuous game of basketball, score 12-1 in favor of the Juniors.

March 9 Junior and Senior socials. From remarks overheard, everyone had a good time.

March 13 Most of the members for the Presbytery here in Sitka came today, including Dr. King from New York. A reception was given in their honor in our auditorium.

March 15 A banquet was given in honor of the Presbytery and Dr. King, in our dining room. The Senior girls had the privilege of being waitresses.

Dr. King certainly showed the Seniors an unforgettable time. We went down to the Alaska Grill and had ice cream, popcorn and peanuts.

A candle light consecration service was held for all of the high school students in the auditorium. Dr. King spoke on "Letting Your Light Shine".

March 17 The choir finally appeared in their new vestments. Dr. King delivered the sermon. Mr. Betts gave a nice short talk in Sunday School.

We are all happy that Dr. King was snow-bound here. He delivered the message at the last meeting of the Presbytery.

March 21 Dr. King finally left on the Northland this afternoon. We all wish he could stay here longer. Yet we were happy that he was snow-bound here for a week. Some of us were wondering why we had such unusual weather.

March 23 "Whither Goest Thou", a play was given by some members of the Sophomore class.

STUDENTS ENJOY BEACH PICNIC

The students enjoyed a picnic at Bourhill Beach, Saturday evening April 6th. The tide was low, and thousands of herring were spawning in the shallow water. Later the students made the following comments:

"We discovered herring and fish eggs ankle deep. All we had to do was to wade out and get them in our hands."

"I have never seen such a sight in all my life! It was a great sight, even for an Alaskan."

"I asked one of the boys if they were good to eat and he said they were good enough. I tasted the eggs and they were plenty good."

"Just think of all those fish eggs we ate. They might have hatched and been herring! Well that doesn't matter now!"

"Some times a girl would have her hands full of tiny silver fish and then a live fish would wiggle by her toes and she would scream and drop all she had picked up."

"Mr. Weeks waded around with a jar in his hand catching the fish. When he thought he had enough he waded back shivering from the ice cold water."

"Fresh herring were fried, one pan right after another, over the open camp fire."

"Most of us had fun running around the beach. But some were even enjoying a little story around the campfire."

"I enjoyed my fish until I thought: Half an hour ago this little herring was swimming and enjoying life."

"As the light faded out of the sky, the bonfires started to grow larger and more numerous until there were eight or nine large, bright, warm fires along the beach."

*doggone yuh! I tole yuh
yuh went over big up thar.
Mebby yuh'll believe me, now. Huh?
- Lewis*

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PERSONALITY AND ALCOHOL

The normal, happy, successful person is one whose personality is well integrated, by integration I mean the state of being emotionally stable and normal. To meet all situations with poise and to be happy and cheerful in trying circumstances one must have control over his emotions. Intelligence, cheerfulness, ambition courage, loyalty, kindness and efficiency reveal individual traits. These and other factors once built up or integrated into one personality are in many cases torn down or destroyed by the use of alcohol.

The seat of the formation of personality is the mind. It is the focal point of the nervous system from which all the reactions of the individual are derived. When alcohol is taken into the body a fraction of it goes directly to the brain. The damage done to the delicate tissues is unavoidable, no matter how little is taken. The little amount taken

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impairs the drinker's speed of reaction. In a moment when he has to decide or move quickly, the alcohol he has taken has robbed him of the part of a second that might have seen him through safely. The effect on the brain from the first drink may not be felt; nevertheless the damage has been done or started. If alcohol is taken into the body persistently, soon the brain will be permanently marred. If the brain is mutilated, then the personality is destroyed also. When an individual is staggering down the street, he is not well integrated; on the contrary, he is temporarily insane. The unity of his mind and nervous system is temporarily out of order. The mind is not receiving or sending signals given by the nervous system correctly. That is why he can neither talk distinctly nor walk uprightly.

Research has found that one-third of the general cases of paralytic diseases could be traced to the use of alcohol. But that is not the most important fact. The use of alcohol weakens judgment, one of the highest attainments of man. The ability for sound judgment is the distinguishing factor between a wise man and a fool. Important decisions are often made by drinking men who do not have the capacity to think straight.

The greatest religion that has survived the ages is Christianity. It has changed history and made great men and women. It has created great creeds of living, one of which is: SELF CONTROL. The Christian religion has made civilized nations out of barbaric countries. Man has learned through the ages (theoretically at least) that it pays to do things by moderation and that excessive indulgence in pleasure or work or anything else is injurious or dulling. Man also knows that the use of alcoholic beverages in any form is one of the easiest ways to undermine self control. It makes the difference between success and failure. Many

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ANNETTE

Annette is a very lovable little girl. Every one likes her for she is attractive and lively. She likes to play with paper dolls and to imitate various people. She roller skates, tap-dances, and can do almost anything of that sort. Although she is a chubby, rosy-looking child with lots of life, she surely hates to work. To make Annette do any of the house work you would have to threaten to spank her.

Winifred Widmark
(Senior)

HONOR ROLL

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Susan Gregorieff
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Marian Paul
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Theodora Benson
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James Kluskan
Isabella Sing
Edith Miyasato
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Clara Hamilton

men and women, through the false stimulus of alcohol lose control of their lives. Their religion is discarded. Almost every semblance of their former well-integrated selves is lost in a sense of defeat.

Thus, by way of summary it is evident that alcohol destroys the essential factors in a well balanced personality. Soundness of judgment is impaired; loss of self-control is marked; moral and spiritual responsibility is lost. In other words, the personality of the drinker is finally disintegrated.

E. W.

SHAKY KNEES

On July 16th, my father, eight other trollers, and I paid a visit to the Hazy Islands. This is a group of three steep, rocky islands situated south of Cape Ommaney on Baranoff Island. It is one of the places where murre and herring gulls nest. During their nesting periods the natives are privileged to pick the eggs for their own use.

Herring gull eggs are a little larger than chicken eggs, but they are gray with black spots. Murre eggs are larger than herring gull eggs and longer in comparison to the width. The shells are quite hard and the eggs are rich in flavor. The shells are usually colored white or various shades of blue with black spots or other designs.

As we approached the group of islands early that morning, it was foggy and the sea was calm. Over the islands hovered thousands of birds on the wing while we knew there were thousands of others nesting among the rocks. When a gun is fired, the murre that are in good hearing distance take flight and what amazing sight to see! From a distance they look like a swarm of bees.

It was after the pickers had returned from the first island that my father told me that I could get off and pick eggs on the next island. I had been taking care of our trolling boat but father said that he would take charge of it this time.

Three of us who succeeded in getting off on one side of the second island were George, Theodore, and myself. George is an experienced climber and has been known to go into difficult places where very few others could go. For my part, I had always been nervous at dangerous heights; nevertheless I was willing to try what the other fellows might attempt. By the looks of those cliffs, I knew we were going to get into some tough spots.

After we had gone up a ways, George said, "I think we'll have to go over the top and come down on the other side where it is not so rough. It

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will be hard for us to go aboard a row boat on this side because it's pretty rough already." He also told us not to pick any more murre eggs, which was the kind we were gathering, because it would have made it just that much harder to climb to the top. We finally came to a place where George thought we could make the grade. By the looks of it, I was not in favor of the idea; but, if they made it, I'd have to try too. George told Theodore to go first and then I was to follow. We started on all fours and ascended slowly making sure of every hold and every step. One false move would send either of us rolling down into the white surf below.

We finally came to the difficult spot which Theodore had already made. It was most difficult for me to make it because I had disobeyed George and had picked more eggs. I got in the middle of it and my only next hold was just barely out of my reach. I tried twice but could not reach it. George came to my aid and by stepping on his shoulder I reached the hold. From there on it was easy going to the top.

It was a glorious sight from the top. A heavy sea breeze was blowing and the breakers, dashing high against the rocks, were really something fascinating to watch. Our gas boat looked like a toy swaying to and fro. The number of birds one could see at a time was almost unbelievable. I watched a number of herring gulls that were still unable to fly. Their feathers were gray, soft and fluffy.

On our way down we met four other egg pickers. They said that they would not go back down the same way they came up even if they were paid to do it. George said he knew a way that we could easily take so we all followed him.

Nearing the bottom, we finally came to a place which looked as if it was impossible for us to descend any farther. George kept going down, however, and the next fellow started to follow until he stopped and looked down for a moment. It was evident

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25 YEARS AGO
FROM THE
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"Fish eggs here!" is a greeting that was heard several times this past week. A mild winter accounts for an earlier announcement of this time than is usual. To those unfamiliar with this one of Alaska's wonders we will say that the species of herring that is found in such prodigious numbers in these waters deposit their spawn in certain bays near Sitka.

that he was very nervous. His knees were probably shaking. "Nope," said he, "I don't think we can make it this way". So, he came back up and I was next in line.

George who was already part way down called out: "Come on, you guys can make it. This is the way we have come down before!"

"I'm coming," I called. I had determined that I was going to go wherever he went; so I started on my way. I made sure of every hold and step and also kept in mind the instruction I had received about not looking down into the surf. In fact, I kept quite cool until a man in a row boat below hollered, "Hey,-- you up there! Go on back up; go on back up! You can't make it." Not paying any attention to him I proceeded downward. Again he yelled: "I know a better way! Go on back up!" His excited voice and his motioning started to create a nervous feeling in me. I began to think of many things that perchance might happen. My sense of curiosity forced me to look down into the surf. Then I paused to look at the spot where I'd probably fall if I made a misstep. I discovered, too, that no others were following and that made matters worse.

"Keep coming! Don't let that guy rattle you", George said. "He's just making it bad for you."

"Hey, keep quiet down there!" he then hollered to the man below. "Can't you see that you might get the boy excited?" Meanwhile, the man below was still hollering at the top of

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SENIORS SNEAK

At three o'clock Saturday morning Susie went down to Dorothy's room to get dressed. That started the scramble among the Senior girls in N.P.H. Who made the first attempt to get out of bed at H.M.H. is not known. At any rate, the Seniors were all down at the Standard Oil Dock at 5:30 A.M. ready to take off leaving no trace of themselves behind.

The SJS landed at Crab Bay at 7 o'clock and all went ashore to find the cave. Dinner was served at 11:30 A.M. And, boy! was everyone starved? After all the dishes were washed, they weighed anchor for Fred's Creek and arrived there about 1:30. Some of the girls were feeling slightly nauseated. No wonder, for the swells were so big that when the skiff went ashore with a boat load, it had to go with a wave or else be swamped. They all went ashore where everyone thoroughly enjoyed himself. Some of the boys even went for a swim.

After a day of wholesome fun, the Seniors boarded the SJS at 8:20 and started home. The trip was not so very rough but they lost their way and did not get in until 10:30 P.M.

Going to bed at eleven o'clock ended a perfect day for all the Seniors.

Margaret Morrison
(Senior)

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"The most fun we had was singing around the bonfire at the Point. We all gathered around and sang songs we knew. Everyone sang and it sounded good in the open air, especially when the different parts came out in a nice harmony."

"At nine o'clock we put out the fires. Some of us walked and others rode home on the truck. The people who rode had to help with the dishes."

"Poor Kenny! What a sight he was when we got home! It must have been the herring eggs that gave that tummy ache."

"So we retired to the warmth of our beds. Zzzzzzzzz!"

23 CENTS A DAY

Did you know that if each of us took a level measure of ice cream, instead of a heaping teaspoonful, we would eat 4,608 teaspoonfuls of ice cream every Sunday? In other words, it takes six gallons of ice cream to serve the S.J.S. family. Other things are in proportion.

For instance, it takes 451 loaves of bread, each weighing a pound and a half, to serve the whole school in a single week. This would average about two slices per student and staff each meal. To go with the bread we use seventy-five pounds of butter which, when cut up, makes 3,750 pats. For dinner, we need at least two different kinds of vegetables along with milk and some kind of meat. Five hundred and twenty-five pounds of potatoes are used every week.

Fish, both fresh and canned, is a common item in our diet. To make up a salmon loaf, forty cans of fish are used, not to mention all the other ingredients. If wieners are used instead of fish we would use thirty-five pounds. By the way, if these wieners were laid out in a straight line they would equal about 170 feet! This amount costs us \$7.90 a meal.

It takes 49 pounds of pork chops amounting to \$8.82, to serve our Sunday dinner. On the days that we have halibut, we use about 67 pounds worth \$5.36. Some days we eat 45 pounds of hamburger at a cost of \$9.00. When we have beef, 59 pounds are ordered which amounts to \$10.91.

At supper we often consume eight gallons of soup. If we have beans the three-and-a-half gallons that are put to soak increase to 8 gallons by the time they are properly cooked. A variety of salads and desserts are prepared in the same wholesale style.

The allowance per student is twenty three cents a day: five cents for breakfast, twelve cents for dinner, six cents for supper. How would you like to plan three meals a day on this scale for a hundred and fifty-three regular boarders?

Stella Johnson, and
Evelyn James

ALASKAN PICNIC

MENU DELUXE

Fresh Herring, fried or broiled
Fish Eggs, boiled or un-boiled
Sandwiches, toasted or otherwise
Hot cocoa
Cinnamon rolls
Apples, raw or baked over coals
Marshmallows, roasted preferred

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By this time I discovered that my knees were shaking and I felt an awful pounding at the top of my head. "Maybe I could be able to reach the water if I jumped out far enough", I thought. "If a gust of wind set me off balance I wouldn't get a chance to jump", I argued with my first idea. I even thought of freeing myself of the eggs; but, that would look ridiculous to the others. Many ideas flashed through my mind, but I came to a conclusion: "I guess I'll have to meet up with 'it' sometime." The cliff which was now almost vertical made it look that despairing.

Pausing and trying to relax after each step, I descended very slowly. The man in the row boat now gave up in his attempt to make me go back so he hollered at the other fellows to stay up where they were until he could show them an easier way down.

When I reached a safe place, the others were still high on the cliff in the same place. "Scaredy-cats!" That's what I thought of them as an air of heroism slowed down my heart to its normal routine.

Harvey Denbert
(Senior)

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My grandfather has always been thankful that Dr. Sheldon Jackson brought him to Sitka. Otherwise, he says, he might have been a "no-account, good-for-nothing". After he married my grandmother, he built a nice home at "the Cottages".

Now, I hope that he won't mind my writing this article for the Verstovian.

Isabelle Sing
(Sophomore)

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PRINCETON - HALL IS DRAFTED

The Princeton-Hall which was launched on December 3rd, has been requisitioned by the Government to serve in the U. S. Navy.

On January 4th, the Princeton-Hall and the SJS were taken over to the Sitka Air Base where they will be fixed up for service as Naval vessels.

A Pharmacist's mate will be aboard the Princeton-Hall. It is to be a service vessel between out-lying posts, carrying books, magazines, food and health supplies. The Pharmacist's mate will be the closest to a Doctor that many of these men will see.

The boat now is painted dark gray as other Naval vessels.

The Government will set a valuation on the boat and will pay the Board of National Missions. The money will be kept till the boat can be bought back or a new one built to replace it, but that won't be till after the war is over.

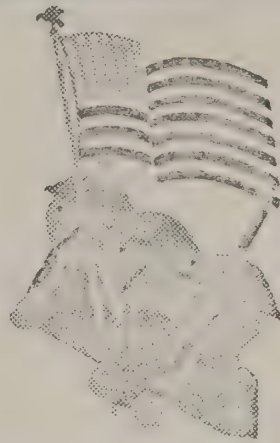
E. V.

WAR PRECAUTIONS

Since the war began S.J.S. has taken precautions against any war emergency.

First the dining room, chapel, gymnasium, N.P.H. living room were totally blacked out, and at least one room out of every dormitory. Partial blackout has been from 5:30 P.M. to 12 o'clock midnight, and total blackout from 12 o'clock midnight until 9:00 A.M. This has caused school hours to start half an hour later.

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S.J.S. ALUMNI JOIN ARMY

S. J. S. graduates who are now in the United States Army and are training at Chilkoot Barracks, Haines, Alaska, include Embert Demmert, Charles Olson, Romey Atkinson, Paul Edwards and Woodrow Clemens. Ex-students in the same training camp are Pete Johnson of Ketchikan, Edward Douglas from Hydaburg and Edward Atkinson of Metlakatla.

Two S.J.S. students have left school to join the Navy. They are Mark Jacobs Jr. and Harvey Jacobs.

A. D.

STAFF MEMBER JOINS NAVY

Mr. Dick Nelson, an S.J.S. staff member, enlisted in the United States Navy on January 9, 1942. Before he joined the Navy Mr. Nelson was the school truck driver and general worker. He also skippered the SJS and knew the waters of Southeastern Alaska quite well. He will probably be in charge of a small boat to do patrol duty near Sitka.

Mr. Fred Hamilton '40, who is a post graduate student, is taking over the truck driving job.

RECEPTION GIVEN FOR THE BILYS

The First Presbyterian Church of Sitka gave a reception in honor of Rev. and Mrs. Bily on December 31, 1941. Those invited were the church members and friends, the students and faculty of S. J. S. The reception was given in the school auditorium. The chairman was Mr. Frank Price. After the introduction of those invited, Mr. Price introduced the following speakers: Mr. Peter Simpson, Mr. Ralph Young Sr., Mr. Glenwood Platt and Miss Emily Sidebotham. One of the speakers told of an Indian legend saying that whoever drank of the waters of the Indian River would always return to Sitka. The Rev. and Mrs. Bily were advised to do so.

After the speakers, Rev. and Mrs. Bily each gave a short talk. Following the speeches there were a few minutes of entertainment, which consisted of a grand march and a few singing games. After the entertainment refreshments were served. The evening was concluded by a watchnight service, designed to ring out the old and ring in the New Year.

F. S.

WAR PRECAUTIONS continued

Sand has been put in barrels at each dormitory, to put out incendiary bombs.

Each dormitory is divided into groups in case of an air raid, each group is to leave from different doors and go off in different directions. Each little group have their own little war kits. Places are picked out up in the woods, where the students will go until the raid is over.

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A GREAT LOSS

The afternoon of January 4th brought to us the sad bitter news that the U.S. Navy had taken over both of our ships the SJS and the Princeton-Hall.

First we thought of all the work, gifts and sacrifices which we and many other people made toward the building of the Princeton-Hall. But now that the boats are under the care of the navy there is little or nothing we can do about it.

Why do we feel that this is a great loss to us? Because of the thought that all our work, time and money that was put into our good ship will be lost to the service as a missionary boat.

Though these feelings are yet in our hearts, we are also proud to know that our boat will get a chance to serve our country and may be put to good use while it is in the care of the Navy.

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PROMPTNESS

"Here goes the last bell." No one moves. Then finally a few decide they'd better go before they are late. That's how it is most of the time. Every one takes his time getting to classes and work, and then wonders why he has to stay longer. Maybe we don't know it but it causes a lot of trouble if we take our time getting places. For instance, if we take our time getting to the dining room we keep all the staff and students waiting while the food gets cold. The same thing goes for chapel. We keep everybody waiting and when we do come in late we distract everybody's attention from the one that's leading and this is annoying to those who are trying to listen. We ought to be more prompt to our classes too. No teacher likes to have different members of the class come dashing into the room at odd minutes. On the whole I think if we'd all try and cooperate and get to our different classes and work periods on time, we'd get better citizenship grades. After all it's things like this that help us keep a job after we graduate. So let's all try and be on time.

F.S.

THAT MAN WAS HERE AGAIN

On Monday morning, Dec. 29th, the girls of N. P. H. were due for a surprise. Coming in the building the girls heard bang! bang! bang! on the piano. They thought it to be some girl practising but when the same key was struck with such force they guessed it to be the piano tuner. Their guess was right. That man was here again! Each year he comes and tunes pianos on the campus. Sometimes it takes him almost a day to tune one piano, other times not quite that long. Mr. Baker is his name. The striking of one note several times isn't pleasant to one's hearing. But sometimes after he has tuned the piano, he will play a piece for the girls, which we might say makes up for the noise of tuning it.

C.H.

THE DICTIONARY

OUR BEST FRIEND

The dictionary is our best friend because it helps us out in our studies. It helps to get the meaning of words, and it helps us to learn to spell words. It also tells us where the words come from, and how to pronounce words. If it wasn't for the dictionary we probably wouldn't be so smart.

Milton George
8th grade

The dictionary helps us in many ways. One of the first ways it helps is in spelling and giving the definitions. It also helps you to use better words when you are writing a composition. I think the dictionary is a great help to all of us. I think it helps me most in spelling.

Elizabeth Collier
8th grade

The dictionary is one of our best friends. If you do not know the meaning of a word all you have to do is look it up in the dictionary. Sometimes I run across a long hard word that I cannot pronounce, and all I do is take out my dictionary and I know how to pronounce it correctly. The words in the dictionary are divided into syllables so that you pronounce them correctly. The dictionary also tells us where the words came from or in what country the word was first used. I like the dictionary very much, and I think if every person used it once in a while, they would speak better English.

Nick Grey
8th Grade

A Great Loss -- continued

We are hoping that the war will soon end so that we will get our boats back and put them to the uses for which they were built. Meanwhile we pray for their safe journeys and safe return.

E.V.

The Launching of the "Princeton - Hall"

by - KATHERINE HERRING

Miss Herring is the girls supervisor of North Pacific Hall.

It was a beautiful and unforgettable sight to see the Princeton-Hall launched. One Sheldon Jackson girl exclaimed, "This is the day I'll never forget even when I'm a grandmother, I'll remember the launching of the 'Princeton-Hall'."

Surely one will never forget the thrill of pride and joy as he first looked upon the finished vessel, decorated gaily with blue and gold banners and streamers, a large horse shoe of flowers bedecking the bow as our "Princeton-Hall" stood ready and waiting to be committed to the sea.

The christening ceremony, simple and brief, gave a spirit of reverence and beauty to the occasion. "In the name of our loving Heavenly Father, I christen thee 'Prince on-Hall'." The wife of the shipbuilder spoke these words as she broke over the bow of the boat the bottle of Indian River water blended with the essence of flowers of Puerto Rico, a symbol of the broad expanse of the work for Christ's Kingdom by the National Missions, and a true symbol of Christian unity.

Skipper Prouty, standing on deck between the American flag and the Christian flag, voiced for all assembled our joy and gratitude to God for granting this blessed gift to Alaska: "Father, this is a day of great exultation for us. We thank Thee for it. We thank Thee for this boat with which we desire to do Thy work. We thank Thee for the good workman-

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ship and each worker, and bless each effort that has been made in

and nail, and plank, and each mechanical device, that all may be joined together to bring Christ nearer to many lives. And we pray for the Sponsors of the building of this boat, this Christian educational organization,

Oh bless it so that its work and influence may shed light afar. And Father, do Thou guide the 'Princeton-Hall' and protect her from the perils of the sea, and may she bring peace to many troubled souls along the coast of Southeastern Alaska. We pray for the miracle if such it should be, that this consecrated ship may be so blessed in doing Thy will that Thou wilt grant its pilots and caretakers such wisdom that it may never suffer serious damage, but serve Thee for many years. These things we ask in the name of Him Who taught us to pray together, saying" (closing with the Lord's prayer)

Then came the tense and breathless pause while the crowd stood in silent expectation for the moment when the boat would move from its spurs. Each workman set about his task with that ease that comes only from long and patient and sound toil, and as the cradle "legs" gave way underneath the vessel, our good ship moved! She seemed to smile and bow gracefully as if she were feeling the "thrill of life along her keel." The crowd seemed a part of the rhythm of motion as each one leaned forward in wonder, watching the boat slide smoothly and

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and softly into the sea.

Then came the hearty shout, the loud and prolonged cheers as the Princeton-Hall sailed out into the open harbor, there to be met by the work-boat SJS. The crowd stood long watching this graceful performance.

Standing there in the crowd one could look about at the faces of the spectators and read there those emotions evoked by the stirring scene. In the eyes of the shipbuilder, of the workmen, of the Sheldon Jackson boys who had had a part in construction, of old Indian fishermen, of the Sheldon Jackson superintendent - in each face could be read pride, joy, satisfaction, exultation - love for the boat constructed by the hands of Christian Alaskans for Alaska, a gift conceived and made for the service of our Lord. What a wonderful thought, that so many here in Alaska and so many elsewhere had brought their tribute great or small to help accomplish this task. "There is a dream upon them evermore."

Our Lord did much of his teaching and ministering from boats "He sat down and taught the people out of the ship." "When He was entered into the ship, His disciples followed him." Truly it is the prayer of us all that that the "Princeton-Hall" will bring Christ's love and light to the dark places of Alaska, and we would "Praise Him for His goodness and His wonderful works to the children of men." We know that with Christ as the pilot, the "Princeton-Hall" will bring many souls "into their desired haven."

SEMESTER EXAMS

"January 12 will be the first day of the first semester exams." Everybody groans. Papers and notebooks are dragged out and every one starts asking questions. Thus the students start their review for the semester exams. After a night in study hall it is not surprising to hear such remarks as this: "My head's going in circles", or "I can't see straight, I've been studying so hard." or "Don't be surprised if I die of brain hemorrhage." But in spite of all these remarks and headaches, we manage to live through our exams. But are we glad when they are all over?

HONOR ROLL

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Beatrice Edenso
Fred Hamilton

Seniors

Martha Takesado
James Klushkan
Freda Anderson
Moses Johnson
Winona Jones
Isabelle Sing

Juniors

Edward Verney
Clara Hamilton
Mary Booth

Sophomores

Susanne Gregorioff
Martha Haldane
Martha Sam

Freshmen

Aimee Edenshaw
Mary Dull

Eighth Grade

Phyllis Edenshaw

Seventh Grade

Agnes Roundtree
Rachel Johnson
Pollyanna Lott
Lucille Sing
Ellen Hope

OFF THE SCORE-BOARD

On Saturday night January 3rd two basketball games were held in the S. J. S. gym. The girls played the first game. They played a clean hard-fought game in which the Red team was victorious over the Whites by a score of 14 - 11. In the first half it seemed as though it was going to be a walk away for the Reds for they led the Whites by a score of 12 - 1. It seems as though in the second half the Whites saw red and seemed to dominate the whole second half which threw a scare into the Red team. The Whites tried hard but ten points wasn't enough and they were defeated after a hard fight by the score of 14-11.

In the second game the Sophomores fleet-running and hard-fighting quintet met in a duel with the two-year holders of the interclass cup-the Juniors' mighty Trojans.

Surprising everyone by their tricky playing, the Sophomores led the Trojans 5-2. In the second period the Trojans, who had recuperated from the shock handed to them by the Sophs, began to roll and came from behind to end the half by a score of 10 - 7. In the third and final periods the Trojans kept hammering and pounding at the Sophomores' defense and with the guns still firing the Trojans ended the game 34 - 14, giving to Trojans the first victory of the season. Although it seemed to be a good start in class tournament the game was unofficial.

S.J.S. wins first league game Jan. 17 defeating Holts 48-36 in the S.J.S. gym.

On Saturday night, Jan. 17, S.J.S. took her first win of the Sitka basketball league by defeating the hard hitting Holts basketball quintet. After getting off to a slow start in the opening minutes of the game S.J.S. was trailing 6 to 0. A neat lay-in shot by Harry Lang started the S.J.S. outfit moving and for the rest of the game they were in the lead. Both teams

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FISH BUYING

Different companies buy fish in Sitka. The fish they buy are: red kings, divided into two classes, large and small, white king, cohoes, and halibut. The prices at which they buy go up and down and there are different prices for the fish.

Some of the fishermen bring their fish in and others don't. Because the fishing grounds are so far away from these buying stations some fishermen don't like to make a trip in all the time. In order that these fishermen don't have to bring in their fish, boats about 40 to 60 ft. long are sent to different places to buy fish. These buyers get paid about 2 cents a pound for the fish they pack. Some fishermen don't come to town for months at a time. The fish buyers carry oil and food to sell to these fishermen. They can also order anything they want from town and have their mail delivered.

One of the hardships of a fish buyer is competition of other fish buyers. The trollers usually like it if the buyer is cheerful and tells all news. If a troller starts selling to a buyer he usually keeps selling to him.

Another difficulty is storms. Sometimes you have a load and can't get in, if you don't the fish will spoil. The oil drums have to be tied down and food kept from rolling around. Sometimes there aren't many fish and you just lay around. But for my opinion I think its fun except for getting sea sick. You get to meet different types of people and you go to strange places where you can explore. It's fun travelling along under a blue sky on the blue ocean decorated with white caps. It is also fun to travel at night when the stars are out and everything is calm. You feel so thankful that you are alive.

Isabel Sing '42

played a clean, hard-fought game, S.J.S. going all the way with five men on the floor and using no substitutes.

G. H.

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CARAVANERS TRAIN ON S. J. CAMPUS

Under the direction of Miss Elizabeth Howell of "156" two Westminster Fellowship Caravan teams trained on the Sheldon Jackson Campus June 17 to 22. After six days of intensive study and discussion the group was divided into two teams, which visited different churches in South-eastern Alaska. Aside from Miss Howell, the faculty included Miss Gladys Whitmore. Mrs. Helen Hatch and Mr. Roland B. Wurster, all of S. J. J. C.

The Caravaners, who later visited Craig, Klawock, Petersburg, Juneau and Haines were: Jerry Elliott of Dubuque University, Iowa; Mary Ellen Fraser of Wooster College, Ohio; Dick Nelson of Northern Michigan State Teachers College; Eleanora Baker of Decatur, Ill.; Helen Hartman of Westmont College, Calif. George Everest of the Princeton-Hall; Freda Carlson of S. J. J. C.; Minnette Williams of Ketchikan and Eunice Blanchard of DePauw University, Indiana.

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Friend Presents Picture

Mr. Guy C. Weed, a longtime friend of Sheldon Jackson, has presented the school two lovely framed reproductions of "Christ at Thirty-three," which is detail from a larger painting "Christ and the Rich Young Ruler." The coloring of the reproductions is especially pleasing. The artist, Heinrich Hofman, considered this painting his outstanding work and during his lifetime refused to sell it.

In gratefully receiving these pictures Sheldon Jackson Junior College again acknowledges its great dependence on such loyal friends everywhere for its continued welfare and growth.

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ALUMNI ELECTED TO OFFICE

The town of Yakutat has been incorporated as a second class city. On the first elected town council are two Sheldon Jackson graduates — John Williams Jr., the first junior college graduate, and Herbert Bremner, a high school graduate of the class of 1940.

1878 - 1948

With the opening of this school year, another milestone is reached at Sheldon Jackson, for the first fourth generation pupil has now registered. No other school in Alaska has such a long record of service to the youth of the territory.

New Texts Adopted

Four new text books have been adopted and ordered from the J. K. Gill Co. for various classes this year.

The eighth grade is to have two new books: "Arithmetic for Young Americans," by Schoring, Clark and Smith, and a recent edition of West and West's "The Story of Our Country."

The junior class in American history will have "United States of America" by Reigal and Hough.

"Adventures in World Literature," by Inglis and Stewart, professors at Dartmouth College will be the basic text for the junior college students in English.

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Sitka on Seminar Itinerary

After the meeting of General Assembly in Seattle Dr. J. Earl Jackman and Dr. M. A. Chappel, both of the Board of National Missions, headed a Presbyterian Seminar which visited Alaska. The party, which included some 20 church leaders principally from the East Coast travelled aboard the mission boat, the Princeton-Hall, while in South-eastern Alaska. Part of the group were fortunate enough to fly to Barrow.

While in Sitka the Seminar was entertained on the Sheldon Jackson campus and in the homes of nearby church members. They took part in the Sunday worship of the First Presbyterian Church of Sitka, visited the Sheldon Jackson Museum and other points of interest. In the evening church friends honored them with a reception at which was shown the film, "Alaska Frontiers."

SCHOOL OPENS SEPTEMBER 18TH

Registration Day at Sheldon Jackson Junior College will be September 18 this fall and classes will begin the following Monday. Thereafter the later registration fee will be in effect. This late opening is scheduled because of the dates for the fishing season, in which industry most of the pupils engage.

One hundred and fifty young people have been accepted, and this will fill the four dormitories and the school dining room to capacity. With this enrollment in prospect the staff anticipates a good school year.

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Library Books Purchased

Included in the 75 library books purchased this summer are the following:

Embree, 13 Against the Odds.
Walker, Winter Wheat.
Wood, Raymond L. Ditmars.
Scoggin, Lure of Danger.
Eaton, Narcissa Whitman.
Meader, Who Rides in the Dark
Stefansson Within the Circle.
West Friendly Persuasion.
O'Hara Green Grass of Wyoming.

Wood, Walter Reed.
Herron, Alaska.

Sickels, In Calico and Crinoline.

White, Lost Worlds.
Cooper, 20 Modern Americans.
Hawes, Dark Frigate.
Lucas, Vast Horizons.
Sperry, Storm Canvas.
Eaton, Leader of Destiny.

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MEMBER OF UNIVERSITY OF WASH. GLEE CLUB

James Klushkan, '42, was a member of the University of Washington Men's Glee Club which toured Alaska in June and July as a good will gesture of the University and Seattle Chamber of Commerce on the occasion of the 50th anniversary of the discovery of gold in Alaska. The group visited all the major cities including Kodiak and Nome. James, who was the only singer from Alaska, is studying music at the University.

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FELLOWSHIP

Last fall Acting - President Charles S. Detweiler of Bacone College, Oklahoma, welcomed the students to that school to a fellowship of learning, a fellowship of living and a fellowship of worship. These three fellowships accurately express the ideals for life on the Sheldon Jackson campus also.

The Fellowship of Learning: Sheldon Jackson is a school where the atmosphere and environment are sought in which learning will be at the maximum for all the pupils. Learning requires constant application and discipline even though the studies are geared to the needs and interests of the pupils. However, teachers as well as pupils are learners in this fellowship.

The Fellowship of Living: In a boarding school living in a dormitory, eating in the dining room, working in the kitchen or sawmill, and playing in the gymnasium are activities, when done together in a cooperative and friendly spirit tend to develop a more wholesome "big family" life. Such a fellowship of living Sheldon Jackson fosters.

The Fellowship of Worship: The Christian way of life is emphasized here. Worship in daily chapel and evening prayers nourish the spirit. This is the strongest bond of Christian fellowship which aims to help each pupil to seek the acceptance of Christ as his personal Savior.

To these three fellowships S. J. C. welcomes its teachers and pupils.

UNUSUAL SUMMER

SCHOOL OPENED

Mrs. Jack Connery, nee Flossie George, '32, with her husband has opened an unusual summer school for the Alaska Native Service at Anaktuduk Pass in the Chandalar Lake region which is southeast of Point Barrow in the Brooks Range. This is one of the most remote areas in Alaska, and is the first time that the 60 Eskimos in the region have had a school.

Dr. George Dale, Director of Education for the Alaska Native Service, visited the project and reported that the experiment was a pronounced success, that 18 children were in attendance and that even adults in their spare time have attended to learn to write their names.

These Eskimos, who live entirely on caribou and fish, are a nomadic people, following the caribou herds most of the year. They live in tents which are constructed by weaving willow sticks into a frame and covering it with skins or canvas, weighted down by rocks.

Mr. and Mrs. Connery reached Chandalar Lake by Wein Airways, which offered to fly in teachers, school supplies, tents for living quarters and a school, if the Native Service would furnish the teachers.

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MR. YAW HONORED

Mr. Leslie Yaw, president of Sheldon Jackson Junior College, was one of the 46 Alaskan honored recently by *Jessen's Weekly*, a Fairbanks newspaper. Each recipient was awarded a plaque in the form of a relief map of Alaska with the words: "The *Jessen's Weekly* Annual Award for Distinguished Service to Alaska 1948."

The candidates were chosen by the readers of the newspaper. The plaque was presented to Mr. Yaw at a meeting of the Sitka Rotary Club with the citation: "Much credit for the high standards of Sheldon Jackson are due to the tireless work of Mr. Yaw."

JOINS FACULTY

Isabell Sing, 42, a 1948 graduate of Jamestown College, Jamestown, North Dakota, has joined the faculty of Sheldon Jackson Junior College. Miss Sing will be in charge of Stevenson Hall, the junior girls' dormitory, and will teach some of the classes in girls' physical education.

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Mr. Andrew Johnson, '21 a teacher in the Mt. Edgecumbe School, occupied the pulpit of the First Presbyterian Church of Sitka for two Sundays in June while Rev. Hunter was attending General Assembly.

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Mrs. Louise Metzger, '25, of Seattle, visited her sister, Mrs. Jessie Price, '21, several weeks during July. This was Mrs. Metzger's first visit to Sitka since her school days.

Miss Georgia Conley, S. J. C. librarian, attended the summer session at the University of Washington School of Librarianship. She made the round trip on the Totem Airways.

Miss Eleanor Miller, Arts and Crafts teacher, vacationed with relatives near Portland, Ore., for a few weeks in June.

The Yaw and Wurster families have enjoyed their cabin on the beach on the Halibut Point Road this summer.

Jack Booth, '48 who was president of the student body last year is planning to go to Park College, Parkville, Mo., along with Edward Benson, '45, who is returning for his junior year there.

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TO ATTEND COLLEGE

Mark Davis, '48 J. C., is planning to attend Whitworth College, Spokane, Wash, this coming school year. Mark has received the Robert E. Yaw Memorial scholarship which was awarded on the basis of those planning to enter a Christian vocation.

Miss Helen Dabis, '47, of Angoon, plans to enroll at Seattle Pacific College in Seattle for the fall term.

Valuable Manuscript Received

A valuable manuscript regarding the beginning of education and mission work in Alaska has been given to Sheldon Jackson Junior College by S. P. Jocelyn Jr. of Faronville, Appoigny, France, through the courtesy of the Alaska Life Magazine.

In the March, 1947, Alaska Life, Miss Genevieve Mayberry of Juneau wrote an article about Sheldon Jackson Junior College. Recently a copy of this issue came to the attention of Mr. Jocelyn in France. Upon reading the article he discovered that Miss Mayberry mentioned his father who commanded the garrison at Fort Wrangell in 1877. So he has presented his father's file copy of a report written in 1877 to Sheldon Jackson Museum.

The report is as follows:

Fort Stevens, Oregon,
January 18, 1877

Brig. Gen'l O. O Howard,
U. S. Army,
Portland, Oregon.
Sir:

At your request I have the pleasure in detailing the recent flattering interest in educational affairs manifested by the Stickeen Indians of Alaska which with the encouragement of citizens and others, it is hoped may result in the establishment of a permanent school and mission for that people in the vicinity of Fort Wrangell.

You are fully aware of the wholesome progress in Indian civilization wrought at Fort Simpson, British Columbia, under the direction of Rev. Thomas Crosby of the Canadian Methodist Church, as well as by the adjoining Church of England mission at Metlah Catlah. Fort Simpson is distant from Fort Wrangell a voyage of but three or four days by canoe through the Straits and during the summer of 1876 many Simpson Indians visited Wrangell seeking and obtaining employment in the various industries fostered by the miners.

Familiarly known among the miners and residents as "Mr. Crosby's Indians" their decency and upright conduct early attracted my favorable notice. I observed that they habitually ceased work on Sunday, engaged in religious worship and generally be-

haved like Christians. Later, through the generosity of Mr. W. K. Lear, a large building was temporarily provided. (I had previously received from the American Tract Society in New York a quantity of small hymn and prayer books which was placed at their disposal) and under the leadership of "Phillip" and another young Fort Simpson Indian, whose name I do not now remember, regular Sunday services were continued to the end of the season. There was rarely a vacant seat in the building, the congregation comprising Stickeen and other Indians, miners and citizens, as well as soldiers and officers from the garrison.

From the time of my arrival at Fort Wrangell the Stickeens had constantly importuned me to induce the "Bostons" (jargon for the American people) to provide them such a mission and school privileges as were enjoyed by their neighbors, the Indians at Fort Simpson; and now these recent events awakened in them fresh interest. Fortunately, Mr. Crosby was enabled to spend a day at Wrangell early in October and by his zeal and energy to give definiteness and vitality to the project. I joined him in calling together the merchants, other citizens of the town and the Indians all of whom exhibited the heartiest approval of movement.

He appealed to the assembly to make an immediate expression of its sentiment in the shape of contributions which should form the nucleus of a building fund with the result, in a few hours of a subscription list aggregating \$400 gold, more than one-third of which, as I remember was paid on the spot by the Indians themselves.

Mr. Dennis, the Collector of the Port, consented to act and remains the treasurer of this fund.

Mr. Crosby seemed certain that the church that he represented would prefer not to go outside its national territory to engage in permanent work but was confident you would be able to induce some American Church or Missionary Society to take charge of the mission. I felt authorized to endorse this last assertion, being fully assured that all-needed funds for the enterprise would be forthcoming from local sources.

In harmony with the encouragement extended as commanding

officer at the station and to add permanency and stability to the institution on the 31st of October last, I officially recommend to you "that Congress be asked to donate, for mission purposes exclusively, to church or society that should undertake work, a tract of land to be located near Fort Wrangell under direction of the military authorities, not to exceed in area, say one section"

If the measures here outlined can be carried into effect there can exist no doubt of good to follow. The all-important object is to secure the services of some practical man who will go among the Indians TO STAY as Mr. Crosby does at Simpson.

"Phillip" remained at Fort Wrangell when I left there in November. During the four or five weeks immediately preceding he had conducted a day school upon which there were in regular attendance about 60 Indian pupils—The broken accents and uncouth surroundings, and not the lack of inclination or aptness in studies, drew attention of visitors and distinguished this from the average common school of eastern rural districts.

I have the honor to remain, General,

Your respectful and obedient servant,

Captain, 21st U. S. Infantry.

It is interesting to note that the person induced to come to Alaska was Dr Sheldon Jackson, who visited Wrangell in 1877, and that the \$400 gold collected was used to build the first Presbyterian church in Alaska at Wrangell.

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MARRIAGE SOLEMNIZED

Miss Pollyanna Lott, '47, and Mr Herbert Didrickson, '48 J. C., were united in marriage at the First Presbyterian Church Saturday evening, September 4, at 8 o'clock. The Rev. Elwood B. Hunter performed the ceremony.

Miss Carmenia French and Miss Louise Olsen acted as bridesmaids while Mr. Roger Lang, '47, was the best man. Mr. Lott, Pollyanna's father, came from Anchorage to give his only daughter away.

The staff of Sheldon Jackson entertained the wedding party and friends at a reception in the school auditorium following the exchange of vows at the church.

Summer Conference Meets

Under the direction of the Rev. Kenneth Fox of Haines, the annual Westminster Fellowship Summer Conference met on the Sheldon Jackson campus June 16 to 22.

Forty-seven young people from the various Southeastern Alaska churches were in attendance.

One of the accomplishments of the conference was the organization of the Fellowship Council on a Presbytery basis with the following offices:

Moderator—Betty Yaw, Sitka.

Vice-moderator—Ronald Johnson, S. J. J. C.

Stated Clerk — Mary Baines, Metlakatla.

Chairman, Faith and Life Commission—Myrna Houser, Haines.

Chairman, Christian Fellowship Commission — Mitchell Martin, Kake.

Chairman, Christian Steward Commission—Ann Henning, Juneau.

Chairman, Christian Outreach Commission—Edwin Barónovich, Hydaburg.

Presbytery Advisor—Rev. Kenneth Fox, Haines.

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VACATION TIME

Mr. and Mrs. Laurance Doig and family and Mr. Chester Latta and Elwood made an 1800-mile round trip to Seattle on their 34-foot boat, the Sea-Ease. Mrs. Latta and Marilyn made the trip south, but returned on a steamer.

The Doigs spent the summer visiting friends and relatives in Oregon, Washington and Idaho. They were able to attend Alumni Day and Commencement at Whitworth College, Mrs. Doig's alma mater. While in the states Mr. Doig spoke before several Presbyterian church and young peoples groups to whom he showed his Alaska pictures.

Mr. Latta and his family spent most of their vacation in California, principally in Merced and San Jose, where they enjoyed a few days of 115-degree heat. Touring 4000 miles, visiting friends and relatives, and eating fresh fruit occupied their time.

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Mrs. Helen Hatch and Miss Phila Helt enjoyed the river trip up the Stickeen to Telegraph Creek, British Columbia, where they were guests at the Ball Ranch.

Hard Walks, Crowded Ways

(Eva Degnan, a Sheldon Jackson pupil from Unalakleet, journeyed to Seattle with Mr. and Mrs. Doig. The following is Eva's impressions of "the States.")

As we were nearing Seattle, I was getting more and more excited until I thought I wouldn't possibly hold together. I don't really know what I expected this part of the country to look like, but it didn't look very much different from Alaska. It was hilly and the earth was garbed in green with huge patches of yellow, which I was told were Scotch broom. The smell of spring hung in the air.

Then I saw the difference. Seattle was in sight. We could see houses (buildings) tall and short, fat and skinny, which seemed to stretch out for miles. So this was the fabulous city where I dreamed of coming to. This is where we get our stuff sent from Sears Roebuck.

Once as we rode through the city I got a glimpse of what life was like here. It seemed to be rush! rush! rush! Traffic was thick with both cars and people. It was a very hot day and the people and city looked so wilted. Just then I'd have liked very much to have been home.

There were more frowns than smiles. I guess that's because it's a big city. I would not like to live here in the city—too many hard walks and crowded ways. I prefer a place in Alaska. All this excitement of going through the city and seeing the big stores and the zoo is fun for a change.

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GENERATOR OVERHAULED

A major repair job was successfully undertaken this past summer in completely overhauling the electric generator. This is the first allover job done since its installation in 1929. The turbine was torn down, 60 broken and worn parts were replaced, and the mechanism checked by Mr. Edwin Floyd, school maintenance engineer, and Mr. William Arthur, the general worker. The work took five weeks.

BATHROOM BEING BUILT

A bathroom addition to HMH, the older boys' dormitory, is being constructed by Mr. Floyd. The addition, which will be logistically self-contained, will house the bathroom on the second floor, while the ground floor will contain the heating unit for water and a general utility room.

This will be the first time in Sitka that concrete blocks will have been used in construction here. The blocks were all made on the campus with a small hand block-making machine. It is hoped that these building units will prove successful so that future construction can take advantage of their comparative cheapness.

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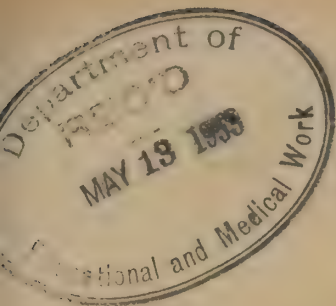
SUMMER VISITORS

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Helt, Beatrice and Chester Helt of Oakdale, Calif., visited Miss Phila Helt, S. J. J. C. English teacher, for two weeks in July. While in Sitka Miss Helt planned many interesting excursions for her family.

Dr. J. P. Anderson, formerly of Juneau, but now at Iowa State College, was visiting old haunts in Sitka. Dr. Anderson is a botanist of note and is preparing a descriptive annual of Alaskan plants which will be completed in four or five years. Dr. Anderson began his collection of Alaskan plants in 1914 when he was stationed in Sitka at the Department of Agriculture experimental farm.

Of the eight hundred visitors at the Sheldon Jackson Museum this past summer the traveller from the most distant points was H. D. Baron Meissen-Teffen of Zurich, Switzerland, and Kabunda, Belgian Congo. The Baron was on a world tour and was interested in seeking out arts and crafts that he could develop in his colony in Africa.

Miss Dorothy Dignam of New York City, a cousin of Mrs. Helen Hatch, the campus director of Religious Education, spent a few days in Sitka while on an Alaskan trip to gather material for her free lance writing. She was also doing research for N. W. Ayer and Son, one of the nation's largest advertising agencies. Miss Dignam is an authority on diamonds and displayed some interesting models of world famous gems.



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MODERATOR VISITS

SHELDON JACKSON

Sheldon Jackson Junior College was indeed honored in having Dr. Hermann N. Morse, the Moderator of the General Assembly and General Secretary of the Board of National Missions, present at the dedication of the newly decorated chapel-auditorium and to participate in the opening events of the school's Diamond Jubilee Celebration on April 11th.

Dr. Morse spoke at the dedication of the Scheide Memorial Chapel Auditorium. The school chapel, which was formerly a gymnasium and auditorium, has been remodeled with funds supplied by Mrs. Harriet Hurd Scheide of Titesville, Pa., in honor of her husband, John H. Scheide.

In his address, Dr. Morse called attention to the pioneer work of Sheldon Jackson and the Presbyterian Church as a part of the westward movement. He also stressed the fact that education was not knowledge nor skill but rather in the highest sense led in a competency in living, which the church proclaims, must be Christian if the ills of society are to be overcome.

At the conclusion of the program, Mrs. Jessie Price, a member of the class of 1921, and maker of the huge birthday cake, cut the cake and presented the first piece to Dr. Morse. All present then had the opportunity of meeting Dr. Morse after which each was served birthday cake, punch and cookies. To give an idea of the size of the cake, some two hundred and twenty-five people were served and enough cake was left to be served in the dining room the following day.

EARLY HISTORY RECALLED

April 17th marked the 75th anniversary of the beginning of Presbyterian educational work in Sitka. On this date in 1878, Rev. John G. Brady, later Governor of Alaska, and Miss Fannie Kellogg opened a day school. Their equipment included twenty benches, two tables, a stove, a cord of wood, two brooms, and a box of chalk. The outgrowth of this early educational effort is Sheldon Jackson Junior College, a coeducational boarding school of high school and junior college.

Sheldon Jackson Junior College began as a project of the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America on April 17, 1879. In the beginning it was known as the Sitka Mission and was a pioneer school with one teacher and fifty pupils. The first classroom was on the upper floor of the old barracks building which had been used by the Russian soldiers. Beginning curriculum consisted of learning the ABCs, studying the Bible and singing. In 1880 the Boarding Department of the school was inaugurated when seven boys were accepted.

With the recent acquisition of a radio station in Sitka, to be known as The Voice of Sheldon Jackson, with the erection of a new library and classroom building and two new staff residences, with the College to seek accrediting as soon as possible, great expectations are ahead for the humble school that began with ABCs and is now the oldest continuously operated school in the territory.

The school motto "Compet-
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BIRTHDAY WEEK ACTIVITIES

Diamond Jubilee 1878-1953

SATURDAY, April 11th

Dr. Hermann N. Morse visits Sitka and Sheldon Jackson Junior College

6:00 P. M. Dinner for students and staff families in the school dining room.

8:00 P. M. Dedication of remodeled auditorium as Scheide Memorial Chapel-Auditorium. Dr. Morse, speaker.

SUNDAY, April 12

11:00 A. M. Dr. Morse preaches at the First Presbyterian Church.

MONDAY, April 13

8:00 P. M. Senior Plays. Three one-act plays given by the high school graduating class.

TUESDAY, April 14

6:00 P. M. Alumni dinner in the school dining room.

8:00 P. M. Honors Convocation.

WEDNESDAY, April 15

8:00 P. M. Concert by S. J. Music Department.

FRIDAY, April 17

2:00 P. M. School parade through streets of Sitka.

8:00 P. M. School birthday party.

SATURDAY, April 18

8:00 P. M. Music Festival at Mt. Edgecumbe. S. J. Chorus participating.

SUNDAY, April 19

11:00 A. M. Christian College Sunday at the First Presbyterian Church.

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At the Good Friday evening church service, the choir presented "The Crucifixion" by John Stainer. Soloists were: William Johnson, Ronald Williams, Robert Poynor and Raymond Haldane.

This was also the first appearance of the choir in their new robes.

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CLASSES HONORED

WITH BANQUET

Thursday night, March 26th, the Junior Class gave a banquet in honor of the graduating class of '53. Members of the staff and the Junior College were invited. "Sea Life" was the theme of decorations, menu and programs. Pictures of different kinds of fish were hung on the walls. From the time one entered the dining room until the time to leave, there were no dull moments. The program was very interesting.

Everett Barney acted as master of ceremonies and he did an excellent job. Speeches were given by Ray Paddock, president of the Junior Class; Bob Poynor, president of the Seniors; Ronald Williams, on behalf of the graduating class of J. C.s; Henry Fawcett, president of the Student Board; and Mrs. Wurster, wife of the president of S. J. J. C.

After dinner everyone went to the auditorium where the members of the Junior Class gave a play. The Juniors did a very good job of acting and everyone enjoyed himself. Nice work, Juniors! Keep it up.

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MARCH WEATHER REPORT

10.28 inches precipitation (4.05 inches above normal.

9 inches snow fell (4½ inches greatest depth at any one time)

50 degrees highest temperature on March 20.

12 degrees lowest temperature on March 12-13.

41 degrees mean high temperature

28 degrees mean low tempera-

ture

35 degrees average temperature (2 degrees below normal)

3 clear days

3 partly cloudy days

23 cloudy days

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HONORS GIVEN QUEEN

At a simple gathering of students and alumni on Tuesday evening, April 14, in the school auditorium, Constance Ann Helgesen of Hydaburg was crowned as the Jubilee Queen by the school president, Mr. Roland B. Wurster. Eleanor O'Brien, Shirley Paddock, Wilma Davis and Lena Jackson were the queen's attendants. Charles Yaw acted as crown bearer

After the crowning several former students and alumni were honored. These included Mr. and Mrs. John Willard of Sitka who have been married 64 years and were students at the Sitka Training School in the 1880's. Mrs. Emma Tom and her daughter, Mrs. Nellie Baranovich, both of Hydaburg were honored as the first and second generations in the same family which has had four generations of students in school.

Three members of the first high school class graduating in 1921 were present: Mrs. Lillian Cameron, Mrs. Jessie Price and Mr. Andrew Johnson.

Sports honors were given to Herbert Didrickson, Roger Lang and John Borbridge for their contribution to good sportsmanship in the Sitka Basketball League.

Several parents who are alumni members had their little children present and they were given Sheldon Jackson booster buttons as applicants for the classes in 1970's.

Music for the program included a viola solo by Miss Donna Spaulding and a song "My Comforter" by the boys quartet, Ray Haldane, Stanley Haldane, William Johnson and Henry Kvande, with Eva Keanu as soloist.

Rev. Murlin Day, the National Council of Churches' representative at Mt. Edgecumbe School, spoke on the Christian Family, reminiscing about his boyhood family.

Refreshments concluded the program.

CONCERT GIVEN

As a special feature of birthday week the Sheldon Jackson choir, under the direction of Mrs. Chester Latta, gave a sacred concert on Wednesday evening, April 15th, in the school auditorium. Miss Eleanor Rupert was the accompanist.

After the concert the choir remained in their places for a time of picture taking, then gathered at the Latta home for refreshments and a chance to listen to their performance on tape recording.

The program was as follows:

I

To Thee We Sing (a capella) by Schvedov

Cherubim Song, Dimitri Bortniansky.

Seek Ye The Lord, J. V. Roberts, Billy Johnson, Soloist
Send Forth Thy Light, Schuetky

II

Jesu — Word of God Incarnate (a capella) Mozart

Children of the Heavenly Father, Myrvik

Sing and Rejoice, Will James
God So Loved the World
Stainer.

INTERMISSION

III

Wonderful Words of Life, P. P. Bliss

Halls of S. J., Male Chorus, Henry Fawcett, Director

Just as I am, S. M. Chase

I Want My Life to Tell for Jesus, E. S. Lorenz, Male Quartet.

IV

Concerto, Hayden. Trumpet Solo - Fenton Dennis

V

Battle Hymn of the Republic, Steffe. Fred Waring arrangement. Piano Duet Accompaniment - Eleanor Rupert and Donna Spaulding.

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EARLY HISTORY

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ent Christian Citizenship" accurately sums up the history of the past and the aim of the future.

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Dr. and Mrs. Spencer spoke to the Westminster Fellowship Sunday evening, April 19th, on Christian marriage. Dr. Spencer is a medical officer at Mt. Edgecumbe.

- April In Other Years -

APRIL 1889

"On Wednesday evening, March 13th, Mr. John Willard and Miss Jennie Kotch-ka-dee-wot were united in marriage, the Rev. Mr. Austin officiating. The vows were solemnized at the Mission in the presence of a large audience. The married couple will go to housekeeping at once in their neat and cozy cottage." (Mr. and Mrs. John Willard were present at the Jubilee Celebration and rode in the parade.)

APRIL 1890

"This is the middle of April and winter with his fleecy whiteness still lingers to the depth of several feet a mile away from the ocean."

APRIL 1895

"Plans, specifications and detail drawings for the new Sheldon Jackson Museum have been received. The material to be used in the construction will be gotten out at once at Mr. J. G. Brady's saw mill."

APRIL 1896

"The days are lengthening quite rapidly and the amount of coal oil used at the mission is diminishing proportionately. During the shortest days of winter about ten gallons of oil were consumed each day for lamps were burned in all departments of the school till about 9:30 in the forenoon and lighted again about three in the afternoon."

APRIL 1898

"The Boys' Home looks well in its new coat of olive green with red trimmings. The Girls' Home is donning a coat of colonial yellow."

From "The North Star" publication of the Sitka Training School.

APRIL 1909

"When it comes to marching and fancy drill, the boys will have to look sharp or the girls will out class them at the close of school."

APRIL 1911

"The buildings of the Sheldon Jackson School are practically completed and would now be ready for occupancy if the

heat were available for the radiators."

From "The Thlinget"

APRIL 1915

"The blueberries are in blossom and everywhere are seen signs of an unusually early spring."

APRIL 1918

"April 17th was celebrated as Founder's Day at Sheldon Jackson School, this year being the fortieth anniversary of the opening of the first school in Sitka. During the evening of this day a reception to former pupils of the school was held in Richard H. Allen Memorial Hall. We were privileged to have with us for the evening the one who opened the school in 1878, the Rev. John G. Brady Ex-Governor of Alaska."

APRIL 1922

"The Annual Field Day was observed on April 13th with a record attendance. The day was perfect and the citizens of Sitka or a good portion of them, made it a holiday. The public school was adjourned."

APRIL 1927

"Native young people of Alaska who have reached the age of ten years, who are prepared to enter the fourth grade, or higher, and who are able to pass the entrance physical examination, and are otherwise acceptable are admitted to the school."

APRIL 1931

"A one ton automatic refrigerating unit is being installed for the school. The school has long been in need of such a plant. It will prove a material time saver for the general work and a great convenience to the kitchen supervisors."

APRIL 1934

"The Recreation Building is being erected this summer! All the students and teachers are happy and glad to know that this long-dreamed-of building is becoming a reality. To the women of Pennsylvania who through their Jubilee Gift have made this building possible, again we say Goo-nu-cheesh (Thank you)."

APRIL 1935

"For some time Sheldon Jackson High School has been seeking admission into the North West Association of Secondary and Higher Schools. At the April meeting of this Association, our application received favorable consideration and we were admitted."

APRIL 1938

"The Sheldon Jackson School planer arrived on the North Sea, April 6th. Soon it will be installed and in operation. By using the planer we will be able to put the finishing wall in the S. J. S. gym."

APRIL 1940

"The allowance per student is twenty-three cents a day: five cents for breakfast, twelve cents for dinner and six cents for supper."

APRIL 1941

"Four-thirty o'clock in the morning of April 5th the senior class went on their sneak in the good ship S.J.S."

APRIL 1942

"Now that the days are getting lighter and longer, the blackouts have been taken off our dining room, chapel and N. P. H."

APRIL 1943

"On the evening of April 17 our school celebrated its 65th Birthday. All the former students and friends were invited."

APRIL 1948

"The choir of Sheldon Jackson Junior College has been invited to sing at the 160th General Assembly which will meet this year in Seattle."

APRIL 1949

"The student store presented all the students with a folder of stationary in remembrance of the school's birthday."

APRIL 1950

"In commemoration of the 72nd birthday, a quarter day holiday from regular activities was declared. The recreation committee planned a scavenger hunt for the late afternoon, a picnic supper on the beach in the National Monument (which had to be held in the auditorium because of rain) and movie at the Coliseum theater in the evening."

From "The Verstovian"

STUDENT OFFICERS

ELECTED

At the annual spring student body election, April 16th the following student officers were elected:

President: Clarence Jackson Kake.

Vice-president: Herbert Lawrence, Hydaburg.

Secretary: Lena Jackson, Kake.

Sergeant at Arms: William Johnson, Angoon.

Junior College Representatives: Ruth Gray, Sitka; Flora Johnson, Kake.

Senior Representative: Kathleen Wellington, Metlakatla.

Junior Representative: Virginia Helgeson, Hydaburg.

Sophomore Representative: Delbert Hayward, Metlakatla.

Editor-Yearbook: Robert Poynor, Craig.

—The Verstovian—

CAMPUS VISITORS

The Rev. Ralph W. Bayless, D. D. Secretary of the Pacific District for the American Bible Society, who visited in Sitka at Easter time, was a guest on the Sheldon Jackson campus. Since Dr. Bayless is a member of the Presbyterian Church, he was much interested in seeing the campus and in visiting with the students. He showed the picture "The Bible on the Table" one evening and also led chapel.

—SJJC—

Dr. Dorothy Novatney, Deputy Commissioner of Education for the Territory of Alaska, visited the campus on April 9th and 10th and had dinner in the school dining room one noon.

—SJJC—

Dr. J. Earl Jackman and Rev R. Rolland Armstrong accompanied Dr. Morse on his visit to Sitka. Dr. Jackman led chapel on Monday morning April 13th.

—The Verstovian—

TO PRESBYTERY

Mr. Lawrence Doig, school engineer, acting as skipper on the school boat, the S. J. S. II left on the morning of April 14th for Haines to take delegates to the meetings of Presbytery and Presbyterial. The Rev James Robinson, Religious Education Director, went to represent Sheldon Jackson.

SANCAN PLEASES AUDIENCE

The third concert of the Alaska Trails series was held Friday night, March 27th. Pierre Sencan, a gifted French pianist was enjoyed by all. He has been concertizing since 1919 and has already rolled up a truly impressive concert mileage, and has a passport book full of stamps and scrawls of officials in a dozen different countries.

His concert began with several numbers by Bach. Other composers whose works he played were Schumann, Debussy, Chopin and Liszt. The comments on the concert were good. Because of his poor English he didn't try to talk very much. As encores he played two of his own compositions — "The Music Box" and "A Boy Dusting the Piano." Both were very well received.

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SCHOOL PARADES

The public celebration of the Diamond Jubilee came to a climax on Friday, April 17th when the school had its Birthday Parade. Ever since last October, plans had been in the making for the parade.

Perfect weather on Thursday gave ambition to all to work hard on their floats. A sunny Friday morning added to the hilarity and fun of the student body and teachers as final preparations were made.

The big red fire truck of the Sitka Fire Department led the parade from the campus and return. In a flag decorated car driven by Mr. Yaw were the honor guests; Mrs. Emma Tom, Mrs. Nellie Baronovich, and Mr. and Mrs. John Willard.

The alumni, student council, junior college, senior and junior classes entered floats representing the various activities of the school. March groups included the sophomores who portrayed the value of the work and educational program and the freshmen who pictured the recreation and fun activities.

The Staff followed in caps and gowns.

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Our birthday congratulations and best wishes for continuing in your fine Christian contribution to Alaska.

Haines House Staff

Donald A. Schwab, director

BIRTHDAY MESSAGES RECEIVED

University of Alaska, your sister institution of higher learning in Alaska, sends very best greetings on this your 75th birthday of your founding. Public and private higher education working side by side and each doing some of the things the other can not do will continue to provide the intellectual wellspring from which our American society and Alaskan community draws much of its strength.

Cordially yours,

Terris Moore, President
University of Alaska

The Episcopal Clergy of Alaska in Conference assembled at Ketchikan, Alaska, wish to extend, at this time, our warmest congratulations upon the occasion of the 75th Anniversary of your school.

We are deeply aware of the great educational and spiritual contribution made by your school to the Native peoples of Alaska and we wish you continued success and God's blessing.

Yours in Christ's fellowship,
Samuel A. McPhetres, sec.
Alaska Episcopal Clergy
Conference

Women of Alaska Presbyterial send birthday greetings to you. Our prayers and interest are with the staff and students for continued service in the Kingdom of God in the Territory.

Mrs. Ted Benson, President
Mrs. Leslie Yaw, Vice-president

Happy Birthday! God be with all in your celebrations.

Ellen Lang

Warm greetings. Grateful for the school's seventy-five years of service for the missionaries who have given faithfully and for students through the years.

Emma Jessie Ogg

Congratulations on the anniversary of the school. Wishing you God's blessing. May God continually guide.

Ralph Young

Education and Medical Work sends greetings 75th birthday and earnest prayer for expanding Christian service.

Katharine E. Gladfelter

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S. J. Students from varied races, geographical areas

40 Towns, Villages represented

Sheldon Jackson students this year come from 40 different towns and villages extending from the southeast to Barrow, and from the Interior to far-off St. Lawrence Island in the Bering Sea.

About a fourth of the students come from the two southeast Alaska towns of Metlakatla and Kake.

Through this issue of the Verstovian we would like to have our readers become acquainted with our students and the areas they represent.

FROM SOUTHEAST ALASKA

by Sam Demmert of Craig

People for many years have wondered about Alaska: the people; what they're like, how they earn a living, how they dress. They wonder what the climate is like and how large the country is.

Well, for one thing, Alaska is very big — about a fifth the size of the United States — and it has many different kinds of people and weather. It would be too much for one person to tell about. The group I know most about is the Thlingets

Most of the Thlingets live and work in southeastern Alaska. We were living here long before the white men came. There was a time when we used to go out and get deer meat and other kinds

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Among the changes that have taken place at Sheldon Jackson can be included the change in the racial makeup of the student body.

Started originally for the Thlinget Indians, today, 80 years later, the student body includes Eskimos, Aleuts, Whites, as well as Indians, who still comprise the largest group — almost sixty percent.

An ethnic analysis of the students at Sheldon Jackson this year shows the following composition:

INDIAN

Athabascan	4	
Haida	2	
Thlinget	33	
Tsimpsean	13	
Mixed	13	
	<u>65</u>	43.6%

INDIAN & WHITE

Haida & White	6	
Thlinget & White	12	
Tsimpsean -		
& White	5	
	<u>23</u>	15.3%
		58.9%

WHITE	30		20.1
ESKIMO	13	8.6	
ESKIMO & white	12	8.3	17.
ALEUT	1		
ALEUT & white	3		2.7
OTHER mixtures	2		1.3

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Message from the Dean

One of our teachers tells that her first principal told her, "You are being paid for the hard things you have to do, not the easy ones." All of us can find many times to apply that statement. We here at S.J. are thankful for the responsibilities which come our way, some enjoyable and rewarding, and some rather tough.

Chapel periods when students sit quietly giving close attention, the way a student's face lights up when he deserves and is given a complement, even, after a trying interview with a boy or girl, hearing them say, very seriously, "I'm sorry I got into trouble but I know it won't happen again;" these are the finest reward for our efforts.

The tough jobs come, too. A young person in trouble is sullen, and refuses to face up to the problem, a student with real ability gets low grades, a girl loses her temper and screams at her supervisor; but these don't happen as often as the nice things.

Race, home, town, — these distinctions mean very little in the task we have to do. We measure students by their attitudes and responses. And whether this is easy or hard, we are thankful for the opportunity to serve God and you, and these young persons.

Fred Koschmann
Dean

FIRST ALASKA CONFERENCE

Inspiration, instruction, information, Fellowship and challenge — all these were provided Alaska Presbyterian missionaries and their families through the first All-Alaska Missionary Conference held on the S.J. campus August 21-28.

Altogether there were 136 adults and 87 children, including Sheldon Jackson personnel, at the conference. All except those living in town, were housed on the campus and fed in the school dining room.

Chiefly responsible for the arrangements for the conference was Dr. Earl E. Jackman, Secretary of Alaska Work for the Board.

FROM THE PANHANDLE

by Corinne Truitt, of Wrangell

I have lived in SE Alaska all my life. Though I was born in Sitka, I consider Wrangell as home, the reason being that I lived there for 14 years, attended all my school years at Wrangell public schools, graduating from there in '56. I graduated second highest in my class and won a \$200 scholarship from the Wrangell Parent-Teachers' Association.

Wrangell is in the Alaska panhandle. It is approximately 150 miles south east of Sitka, 160 miles south of Juneau and 90 miles north of Ketchikan. It is situated on an island near the mainland of North America. Wrangell is an industrial town with a population of 1400 to 1500 people.

The main industries of Wrangell are fishing — both for salmon and shrimp — a sawmill, salmon cannery, and construction jobs. There are three shrimp canneries there; two require the picking of shrimps by hand. The other cannery, which is a fairly recent addition to Wrangell, has a shrimp picking machine.

There are two educational institutions in Wrangell — a public grade and high school, and Wrangell Institute, a Territorial Government school for Native children, many of whom are from northern Alaska.

The people of Wrangell represent many different races but there is no

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FROM THE INTERIOR

by Ronald Dukes, of Tok Junction



Connie and Ronnie Dukes

I live in a small town about 900 miles north of Sitka and 200 miles south of Fairbanks. The reason Tok Junction came to be is that it is where the Glenn Highway from Anchorage and Seward meets the Alcan Highway from the States to Fairbanks. Tok is a typical interior Alaskan town. About 500 people in a ten-mile radius live there. A lodge, a grocery store, and a filling station are the main business places. There is also a Territorial Police station, an A.C.S. (Alaska Communication System) station, a Road Commission camp, and a pipeline station, where my father is a maintenance foreman and my mother a clerk-typist.

In the summer there is a variety of things to do. If the weather is extremely dry and hot — around 100° — one may get a job fighting fires for the Government. Otherwise one may work at a garage or, if old enough, for the Road Commission.

It was through the helpfulness of Rev. Edward Diehl, the Presbyterian minister at Tok that I got started at S.J. I had decided to take a correspondence course for my freshman year, but I was having some difficulty with this because of my lack of perseverance. Reverend Diehl spoke to me one Sunday after church about Sheldon Jackson where I found myself at the end of the first semester.

My sister Connie went to Anchorage for her first two years, transferred to S.J. last year, and after a very good junior year, is now a senior here.

Including us, there are ten students from Tok and the near vicinity going

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FROM BARROW

October 10, 1957

Dear Friends,

I am the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Walton Ahmaogak, of Barrow. We are Eskimos.

Barrow is a village with a population of around 1500, not including the white people working at various places such as the Alaska Communications System, Civil Aeronautics Administration, DEW-Line, etc. We have two theatres, three cafes, two main stores with other small ones, and three churches; Catholic, Presbyterian and Assembly of God.

My home town, over 1700 miles from Sheldon Jackson, is the northernmost town in Alaska. It gets pretty cold in the winter — as low as -50° (the lowest about -65° to -70°) but the people have warm parkas and mukluks. We get our share of sunshine when the sun shines 24 hours a day in June and July and the temperature varies from 40° to 65°.

At Thanksgiving and Christmas we have feasts at the Armory. Different families bring all kinds of foods and people are selected from the audience to serve the food that has been



placed in a circle in the center of the Armory. During the week that follows Christmas, there are games in which everybody takes part, with prizes donated by local people.

If the whalers catch whales during the whaling season — April and May — there is a blanket toss (nalukotok). The blanket is made up of heavy sinew. Children jump during the day and the adults jump after supper. People are toxxed up as high as 20 or 25 feet, and even more, depending on how well they jump. With this feast they also have a feast. The whalers' wives bring "muk-tuk," — outer meat of the whale —, whale meat, duck soup, caribou soup, and everything you can think of. After the "nalukatok" is over, different whaling crews participate in Eskimo

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SHELDON JACKSON STUDENTS ARRANGED BY ETHNIC GROUPS

The five main groups pictured are Eskimos (front center), Whites (center), and Haidas, Thlingets and Tsimpsians in rear, from left to right.

<u>Anchorage (2)</u> Don Anater Charles Parkins	<u>Joe Hopkins</u> Carol Miller Dot Lake (2) Hazel Charles Ivan Charles <u>Eagle (1)</u> Fred Stevens Fairbanks (1) Julia Fawcett Gamble (2) Benard Irrigoo Marie Oovi Haines (1) Pat Modig Hoonah (11) Lila Dalton Tom Dalton George Grant Kenneth Grant Dennis Gray Robert Gray Oliver Hillman Genevieve Marvin John Marvin John Williams Patricia Young <u>Hydaburg (3)</u> Gerard Helgesen Margie Lawrence Diane Morrison Raleigh Morrison Susan Morrison Woodrow Morrison Byron Shaquanie Karen Shaquanie Juneau (6) Martin Goenett Ellen John	<u>Katherine Lott</u> Harold Martin Lyle Martin Loretta Peratrovich <u>Kake (15)</u> Carol Aceveda Edith Bean Ronald Bean Yvonne Bean Matthew Brown Fred Gordon Grace Jackson Katherine Jackson Norman Jackson George Martin Wilbur Martin Marjorie Nannauck Laverne Thiemeyer Lavina Thomas Alfreda Williams Kasaan (5) Rozelea Brewer Edward Gallatin Inga Olsen Robert Olsen Douglas Young Ketchikan (2) Clifford Bolton Barbara Lewis King Cove (1) Ida Wickstrom Klawock (5) Art Johnson Norman Peratrovich Christine Widmark Emma Jean Widmark Byron Wallace Kodiak (2) Irene Hicks Christine Neseth	<u>Savoonga (3)</u> Caleb Pungowiwi Joe Pungowiwi Paul Rookak Sitka (3) Harvey Kitka Herman Kitka Robert Laurent Skagway (2) Marilyn Wilson Paul Wilson Suntrana (2) Parlee Lamb Don Valesko Tok Junction (6) Bill Bayless Jeffery Dartt Connie Dukes Ronnie Dukes Cerene Moore George Shipley Ugashik (1) Hannah Enright Unalaska (1) Sherry Spray Wainwright (1) Fred Ahmaogak Wrangell (3) Paige Dailey Grant Thompson Corinne Truitt Yakutat (1) Carol Tibbles	<u>Kotzebue (2)</u> Elmer Ipalook Percy Ipalook McGrath (2) Sam Ivey Richard Winkelman Metlakatla (21) Clarissa Booth Marian Booth Frances Dunne John Fawcett Harold Haldane Thomas Hix Terry Hix Laurie Hudson Marvin Hudson Charles Leask Ronald Leask Franklin Littlefield Martha Littlefield Florence Milne Martin Milne Emma Nelson Larry Shearer Bert Wellington George Wellington Barbara Williams Corinne Williams Mt. Edgecumbe (2) Henrietta Katasse Walter Goodwin Nenana (1) Fred Mueller Northway (3) Clarence Duke Dean Wilson Twila Wilson Pelican (1) Barbara Bariel
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dances.

Many people have the idea that the Eskimos live in snow houses called igloos. "Igloo" is the Eskimo name for a house, like the house you live in. Our houses, or igloos, are made of lumber insulated so that they will be warm in winter. Snow houses may be used by some hunters for shelter when they go hunting.

Due to the fact that the tundra is too wet, there are no roads in Barrow, but it is the dream of some people that we will have roads some time in the future as they are badly needed. Because the land is all tundra, we have no trees or mountains, but there are flowers here and there.

The Arctic Ocean is frozen for about nine months. Ships come in with supplies during the summer months, but most of the groceries are flown in from Fairbanks by Wien Alaska Airlines.

I've told you about my home town. I guess I should tell you a little about myself. I'm a junior in high school attending S. J. as there are no high schools in Barrow. Here at S.J. I learn how to live with people of other races, learn about their ways and customs. Also, this is where I learn more about God, and, may I add, Myself.

My ambition and interest now is to be a radio operator working for some airline. If I can't do this, I'll probably end up being a housewife. Ever since I can remember, I had thought of nothing but entering the field of nursing, but this has changed this year. Maybe I'll change my mind again.

I hope that this will let you know a little about Top-of-the-World Barrow. Do feel free to write, as I'm sure I didn't cover everything you would like to know.

Sincerely,

Alice Ahmaogak

Note: Alice was chosen "Miss Top-of-the-World" last summer and given a week's trip to Vancouver as a result.

There are about 60 adults enrolled in evening classes at Sheldon Jackson studying art, photography, business, and home economics.

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to S.J.

After I graduate I am planning to go to college and become a petroleum engineer. I have really enjoyed my schooling here and I know that the other students feel the same way.

FROM SOUTHEAST ALASKA

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of wild game and fish whenever we needed it but that did not mean we could go out and kill more than we could use. It was the law or belief of the Indians that people could take all they wanted, but use all they took. Now that the animals are protected by law we no longer follow this practice, but that is how I would be living if I had been born 50 or 60 years ago.

Now all, or should I say most of us, have gone to school and are going to school, where we have learned the reasons for the white man's laws. We have given up most of the old beliefs and taken on a new kind of living.

I went to two schools - Craig and Klawock - before coming to Sheldon Jackson high school where I am now a junior. I find life on the campus very exciting, for there is always something to do, either homework or just going out and having a little fun with some of the other students. I like to be around other people because I can get more new ideas from them and find out many interesting things. I used to find it very hard to mix in and talk with other people, but now as I learn a little more each day, it is getting easier for me to talk to others.

When I'm through with high school, I plan to join the Navy, get more training, and either take up a trade in business or make a career in the Navy.

CHIMES INSTALLED

A recent gift of electronic chimes given by Mr. and Mrs. Edward Rosevear of the S.J. staff in memory of Mr. Rosevear's father, gives the campus and surrounding area the pleasure of hearing beautiful hymns played on chimes several times a day.

FROM KODIAK

by Irene Hicks

Nine long years in Alaska. I never would have thought it possible, but here I am. I was born in Port Townsend, Washington, and lived in various parts of Washington until 1948.

Then my father told us — mother, my brother, and me — that he had an offer of a job in Alaska. It was like a bolt out of the blue. My imagination soared — I had heard of nothing but Eskimos and igloos — and I saw myself plowing through snow up to my ears.

First we lived in a small fishing village on the Aleutian peninsula. It is called Chignik, which means "Big Wind." The wind there has been known to pick up houses and deposit them into the creek. In Chignik the only means of making a living for the people is fishing. The women work in the salmon cannery in the summer, and the men fish on seine boats. My father was winter watchman for the cannery, and the life was very easy-going, and fun.

Four years later we moved to Kodiak, a town on the large island of Kodiak, about 600 miles west of Sitka. My family lives there now. One of the main industries of Kodiak is fishing, both for salmon and crab. The canneries run all year round. In the summer they can fish; in the winter, crab.

There is some construction work in Kodiak. Last year a radar station was built on the mountain behind the town.

Ranching is another industry. There are several cattle ranches on the Island, and the town's meat supply is partly taken care of by them. The cattle graze all winter on the dry grass sticking up above the snow, and stay nice and fat.

Alaska's largest naval air station is situated six miles from Kodiak. This helps in the economy of the city, a lovely place with the sparkling blue Pacific and the mountains all around.



Now I am a sophomore in junior college and am certainly glad I decided to come to Sheldon Jackson. My mother told me that my decision to come here was the smartest one I ever made, and I certainly agree with her.

Last summer I worked on the campus as secretary to Dr. Armstrong, and I also work now during school as secretary to the Sitka Chamber of Commerce and as secretary to the City Attorney. Since I am majoring in business administration, these extra jobs help in my preparation for the future.

FROM ST. LAURENCE ISLAND

by Joe Pungowiyl of Savoonga



Caleb (left) and Joe Pungowiyl

St. Lawrence Island, which is fifteen miles from the U.S.S.R. boundary line and 30 miles from Siberia, is 110 miles long and 20 miles wide.

On clear days you can see the Siberian mountains. You can also see Thursday when it is only Wednesday, for it is 15 miles from the International Date Line.

There are about 550 inhabitants on the island — about 250 in Savoonga where I live, and the rest in the other village, Gambell. About five percent of the people are white; the rest are Eskimos.

All kinds of wildlife can be found on St. Lawrence — seals, walrus, whales, polar bears, birds, and many kinds of foxes.

Most of the people are now learning what civilization is. They are going to school to get better jobs when they get out. The way their ancestors used to live is dying out. Since game is now getting scarce, people are looking for a different kind of future.

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Construction moves ahead

Construction moves ahead on the campus of Sheldon Jackson with the completion of three Pan-Abode staff homes, the clearing of ground for Condit House (the new Junior College dormitory), the remodeling of Sage Building and projected plans for a new cottage for campus teachers.

By the time this copy goes to press, our new business manager, Mr. Gerald Markee and family, will be moving into their new home, the first of three pre-cut log houses to be completed on the campus. Within two or three weeks, the Markees will have new neighbors when Dean Koschmann and Coach Borbridge and families will inhabit the other two newly-built homes. These new staff homes built on Jeff Davis Street, between the gym and KSEW, make an attractive addition to our campus. At the present time an underground electrical system is being installed to service these Pan-Abode homes. This system will lay the foundation for the complete underground electrification of our school.

Speaking of electricity, we should mention here that Stevenson Hall is about half-way through a complete re-wiring, which constitutes the first unit of the re-wiring of the entire campus.

Condit House will house 52 students and will be a well-equipped modern building. This is being contracted by C and R Builders, a Seattle firm. The lounge, apartment, and half of the dorm rooms are expected to be completed within 120 days after October 15. The balance will be completed within the next 120 days, following that date.

Sage Building is being entirely remodeled to house the Industrial Arts Department. This building boasts a brand new roof which has been finished and the other remodeling work is being done now.

Other dreams in the near future include extensive remodeling for the upper floor of Richard Allen Building to provide up-to-date equipment for our Science Department, and plans are also being made to construct McFarland Cottage, the new home for campus teachers.

ANCHORAGE CHURCH

TO BUY ORGAN FOR S.J.

Thanks to the generosity of the First Presbyterian Church of Anchorage, Sheldon Jackson will soon have an opportunity to enjoy the music of an electronic organ on the campus.

The Session of the church, of which the Rev. Frank Walkup is pastor, has notified Dr. Armstrong and Miss Gladfelter, Secretary of Educational and Medical Work, that they have agreed to underwrite the purchase of such an organ.

FROM THE PANHANDLE

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racial prejudice.

After graduating from Sheldon Jackson Junior College this year, I plan to spend my last two years somewhere in the States. My plans aren't definite, but there is a possibility of a scholarship for the Northern Michigan College of Education in Marquette, Michigan. I plan to major in education and hope to teach high school history some day, and I'm sure that it will be in Alaska.

FROM ST. LAURENCE ISLAND

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As for me, I am Eskimo and white, and a junior in high school. My brother Caleb is a freshman and very interested in school. We are both planning to go on to college.

In 1917 six boys and nine girls graduated from the 8th grade, of this notable event the VERSTOVIAN says: "In all the history of school work among the native people of Alaska, there has never been a result so encouraging as this year's eighth grade class in the Sheldon Jackson School . . . They are from eight different native villages. It is of special interest that two of the boys are carpenters, one a skilled worker in metals, one a machinist, and two plan nurses' training. All are capable housekeepers and seamstresses." from Sheldon Jackson Junior College by Genevieve Mayberry.

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CHRISTIAN EDUCATION EMPHASIS AT SJ

It is the purpose of Sheldon Jackson to influence every student who comes to the high school or junior college to respond to the claim of Jesus Christ on his or her life. This has been true for each of the 80 years the school has been in operation, and is still today a major aim of the staff and the Board of National Missions.

The working out of this purpose must necessarily take many approaches, and these change from year to year to meet the particular needs of the students enrolled and in response to the changing personalities directing the program.

At present, the activities of the Christian Education department are directed by the Rev. Austin Van Pelt and a committee of staff consisting of William Bullick, Mary Beth Hooper, Chester Latta, Ann Owens, Maude Simpson and Gladys Whitmore.

All students attend Sunday school. High school freshmen, sophomores and juniors are in classes on the campus taught by staff, while seniors and junior college men and women meet in the Sitka Presbyterian Church with teachers from the town. Everyone attends morning worship at the church.

44 Alaska towns represented



The map above indicates the wide area of Alaska represented in the Sheldon Jackson student body - from far off Barrow, St. Lawrence Island and the Aleutians they come, as well as from the interior and southeast. In addition to these, there are also two cities from the United States mainland represented.

Sunday evenings, students may decide whether or not they wish to go to the young people's meetings and worship. Those who do not wish to go may stay in the dormitories.

The Gospel team has long been an important organization on campus. This year plans are being made to send student teams to many of the towns of southeast Alaska. Aside from regular meetings given to study and business, the group helps with the Sunday school in the pediatric ward of the Public Health Service Hospital at Mt. Edgecumbe, and aids in the worship services at the Pioneers' Home in Sitka. They also sponsor Spiritual Emphasis Week, which is a high point in the school Christian year. A special speaker is invited on campus to hold meetings and to counsel with students. A number of activities in preparation for, and during the week are planned. Financing for the week's activities is the only money interest of the team, and they raise the amount necessary through the sale of Christmas cards.

Leadership in the planning of all student Christian activities is taken by the West-

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STUDENTS STATE CHURCH PREFERENCES

Presbyterian	61.7%
Other	25.3
None	13.0
	<u>100.0</u>
Other Denominations	
Methodist	6.0%
Moravian	4.9
Russian Orthodox	4.0
Baptist	4.0
Roman Catholic	2.0
Episcopalian	1.0
Salvation Army	1.0
Pentacostal	.6
Lutheran	.6
Assembly of God	.6
Mormon	.6
	<u>25.3%</u>

CHRISTIAN EMPHASIS - from page one
minster Fellowship Council made up of ten young people and Mr. Van Pelt. They were on campus before school opened this fall and held a day-long retreat to plan the year's activities.

One of the important plans this year was the sparking of the stewardship program. Students made pledges under the youth budget plan, and a budget has been set up to cover expenses and an outreach program.

Each day at Sheldon Jackson is started with a fifteen minute chapel attended by all students and staff. The schedule for chapel is laid out long enough in advance to insure a varied, interesting program. Each staff member leads or plans a chapel in turn, and student groups and visitors are also heard regularly.

Each dormitory has its own program for evening devotions. They use varied means to encourage students in habits which may carry over into later years.

These more or less formal plans and programs have an important place in these formative years of Sheldon Jackson students. But perhaps of even more importance is the witness given day by day by the lives of staff, and their personal contacts with students. In the offices, the dorms, the classrooms, the gym and on the campus it is the hope of every member of S.J.'s official family to be good ambassadors for Christ. God has blessed these efforts in the years that have passed and his power continues to be felt today.



The Christian Education committee has worked diligently on the Christian Education program. Seated at the table (left to right) are Gladys Whitmore, Maude Simpson, Mary Beth Hooper, William Bullick, and Austin Van Pelt, who is chairman. Another member, Chester Latta, is not pictured.

CAMPUS NEWS

TWO NEW PAN ABODE houses are being built on the hill in the same area as the Armstrong's home. Work is going ahead as fast as possible. The Marines will move into the first one as soon as it is completed and the Brightups will occupy the second one. It is hoped that both will be completed before 1958 passes into history.

You should have heard the shout that went up in the dining room when JOE PUN-GOWIYI arrived back on campus for his senior year! After spending the final semester of his junior year at Logansport, Indiana, we were all glad to see the same congenial fellow who left us last January. Welcome back, Joel

ON THE AIR. College Concert is back on the air from 8:10 to 9 every evening, Monday through Friday through the combined efforts of Mr. Austin Van Pelt and Mr. Edward Rosevear. Ray Holt, a first-year J. C. student, is the announcer at present. Music will be selected by the music department.

MUSICALLY SPEAKING: The choir started the year with 52 members. They sang an anthem in church after only three rehearsals. The band started the year with 26 experienced students, including four from the junior college. The school has received a gift that will make it possible to begin a record music library, selected by the music department.

GYMNASIUM: The gym has been painted inside, the floor refinished and the lights repaired. The white ceiling and light green walls help to reflect the light. The shower room will be renovated soon and one new shower will be added. The storage room above the present shower room will become a second shower room and the one near the entrance will be remodeled. Additional seating space will be made in the balcony. All J.C. games and many high school games will be played in the S.J. gym and the Sitka Basketball Association will be invited to hold their games here too. The schedule for the high school basketball games will be published soon.

ROMANCE IN THE NEWS! When Ann Owens returned from her vacation early in September she announced her engagement to Gary Patterson of Dallas, Texas. Until January, Ann heads up the Home Economics Department.

Recognizing the need for wholesome recreation for the students during weekends, the RECREATION COMMITTEE, headed by Frank Latta, has planned a full schedule. Good commercial films will be shown during weekends when there is no other outstanding activity for the entire student body. The school year got off to a rollicking start with an "Ice Breaker" held in Allen Auditorium.

EVENING CLASSES are again in session on campus. The always popular art class under Mrs. Simpson is working on ceramics. There were so many eager to learn typing that several had to be turned down who wanted to join the class under Miss Callison. Personnel Management is being taught by Mrs. Wm. Gavin, and Rev. Van Pelt has two classes in the Christian Education Department. Several new residents wanting to learn to speak English, are meeting several times a week with Mr. Don Brightup. There were requests for many other classes that could not be offered because of no teacher or enough requests to form a class.

STUDENT STORE has become a popular gathering spot during free time evenings and on weekends. Helping Mrs. Donnelly are Alice Ahmaogak, Grace Jackson and Robert Holt. Students gather for social hour, play ping pong and listen to records while they enjoy refreshments - or they find it a convenience when needing stationery and miscellaneous items.

DID YOU KNOW? Former Staff are Busy. Elizabeth Schaffer is teaching in Sidney, Nebraska. Sounds as if she's enjoying it, but misses Sitka and S. J. Flore and Ann Lekanof have gone to Chignik Bay where Flore is teaching all grades. Pat Jones is attending Rutgers and will be a librarian when she completes her course. Helmi Harkala is attending New York University. We will be looking for Helmi at S.J. again, in September, 1959. Dr. Yu-Chen Liu has returned to Barber Scotia, Concord, N.C. Elinor Matters is attending Michigan State University at East Lansing, Mich.

Construction moves ahead on the
rage four

Meet the New Staff

Book reports and themes are favorite words of our new English teacher, MR. DON BRIGHTUP, who was born in Liberal, Kansas. He received his high school diploma from Friends Haviland Academy, Haviland, Kansas, and his B. A. from Friends University, Wichita, Kansas. He took postgraduate study at the University of Wichita. While in college he was president of the Forensic Club and a member of the College Dramatic Club. Don was married to Betty Jo, a Texan by birth, on September 9, 1956. A daughter, Donna Lee, was born October 8, 1958.

From the shores of sunny California came our new dormitory supervisor to North Pacific Hall. MRS. ANGIA GILBERT has lived in California most of her life and we welcome her to Sheldon Jackson as a dorm mother. She was born in Walnut Creek, California, where her father was a minister. Mrs. Gilbert was graduated from Occidental College, Los Angeles, and attended the New England Conservatory at Boston. She was in private business for twenty years in California where she raised her family. She has three daughters and five grandchildren. Before coming to Sheldon Jackson, Mrs. Gilbert was house-mother at the Ming Quong Home, Oakland, California.

The youngest staff member at Sheldon Jackson is MISS JO ALICE CALLISON, who comes from Jefferson, Texas. Jo

Alice was graduated from North Texas State College, Denton, where she was senior counselor in the dormitory and president of the National Business Fraternity, Phi Chi Theta. Sports are her hobby and she played tennis and basketball in college. Her parents and brother live in Dekalb, Texas. Jo Alice is teaching commercial subjects and heads the Year-book staff. She is also sophomore sponsor.

MR. GEORGE BECK, the new supervisor for Fraser Hall, seems like a native son having lived in Alaska since 1914. He was born in Jacksonville, Oregon, received a B.S. degree from Willamette University and his M.A. from the University of Oregon. Mr. Beck came to Sheldon Jackson from Anchorage where he was Juvenile Probation Officer in the Department of Vocational Rehabilitation. Previously he was superintendent of schools at Fort Richardson and also at Petersburg, and principal of Ketchikan schools. In Juneau he was Chief of the Division of Rehabilitation for Veterans. His son, Jack, is a sophomore at Sheldon Jackson. Mr. Beck's hobbies are painting and working with stones.

The aroma of freshly baked bread is reaching our nostrils and that is a sign that MISS MYRTLE MCKNIGHT is in the kitchen hurrying from one oven to the other watching the tempting loaves. Miss McKnight is the Assistant Dietitian and this is her first assignment in Alaska. She was born in Davidson, North Carolina and received her B.S. in Home Eco-



Mr. Brightup

Mrs. Gilbert

Miss Callison



Mr. Beck



Miss McKnight



Miss Lollar

nomics at Barber Scotia College in Concord, N. C. For the past two years she served as Home Economics instructor at Harbison Junior College, Irma, S.C. Her hobbies are cooking and sewing and her greatest ambition is to become a foreign missionary and work in India.

Sunday afternoon, September 14, MISS FREDA LOLLAR arrived on campus and was welcomed as social studies teacher. She was born in Kingsport and attended Swift Memorial Junior College and Barber Scotia. Miss Lollar pronounces her first name Fredda and was named thus by her father, whose name is Fred. Her parents live in Kingsport and Freda is one of nine sisters and brothers. During the past summer Miss Lollar taught nursery school at Kingsport. Her hobby is reading and while in college she played basketball. She is sponsor of the freshman class.

One of the busiest spots on campus is the Student Store where MRS. HAROLD DONNELLY is keeping things in excellent order. This is a big chore and is being well done. Mrs. Donnelly is not new to Sheldon Jackson, having been graduated several years ago. She was born in Haines Hospital, Haines, Alaska, now known to us as Haines House. From there she came to Sheldon Jackson as a student. She was married to Harold after graduation and has lived in Sitka since her marriage. They are the parents of two children. Mrs. Donnelly has worked with teen-agers for many years and had charge of the Teen Canteen in Sitka at one time. Her hobbies

are sewing, gardening and working with students.

This year we are most fortunate in having REV. AUSTIN VAN PELT as Director of Christian Education. Mr. Van Pelt was born in Rahway, New Jersey, and was graduated from Maryville College in Maryville, Tennessee. It was here that he met his wife, Elenor. Later he was graduated from Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary and during that time Mrs. Van Pelt taught school. Upon graduation they did rural Sunday School Mission work in the mountain area around Maryville. In March, 1957, Mr. Van Pelt came to radio station KSEW in Sitka as temporary program director and taught Bible at Sheldon Jackson from September 1957 to May 1958. He was also assistant to Rev. William Gavin, working particularly with students and hospital patients at Mt. Edgecumbe. In June 1958 he joined the staff of Sheldon Jackson as Director of Christian Education and taught New Testament in summer school. Mrs. Van Pelt was born in Maryville and was graduated from Maryville College, too. She took special education courses at the University of Tennessee after completing her college work. The Van Pelts are the parents of two sweet little girls - Mary, born December 7, 1955 and Anne, born April 30, 1958.

When we hear the strains of Bach, Beethoven or Brahms emanating from the auditorium, we know MR. WARREN WAGNER,

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The Van Pelt family

is practicing on the Allen organ. Mr. Wagner was born in Buffalo, New York, attended the Juilliard School of Music in New York City and took post graduate work at Los Angeles State College and the University of Nevada in Reno. Mr. Wagner was band director of the high school and junior high in Superior, Montana before coming to Sheldon Jackson. He toured the southern end of the Alaska Highway as a Chaplain's assistant. His hobby is tape recording. On June 1, 1958 Warren and Kathryn were married. Mrs. Wagner was born in Pierre, South Dakota and was County Librarian in Superior where she met Warren. She is supervisor of the laundry.

From eleven towns Westward (the Aleutian and Bristol Bay areas) come 12% of our student body.

Seven towns on the N.W. coast furnished 14% of the Sheldon Jackson students.

One fourth of the student body comes from the three towns of Hoonah, Sitka, and Barrow.

Ten percent of all students comes from sixteen towns in the Interior.

1958-59 student classification

Some interesting statistics about the Sheldon Jackson student body this year found in the registration figures.

HIGH SCHOOL

Freshmen	40
Sophomores	31
Juniors	36
Seniors	31

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JUNIOR COLLEGE

Freshmen	19
Sophomores	4

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An ethnic analysis of the high school students shows that 31% are of different Indian groups, 17% are mixed Indian and white, 5% are Aleuts, 19% are Eskimos, 24% white, and 4% are other mixtures. In the junior college group are these percentages: Indian 18%; Indian and white, 18%; Aleut, 5%; Eskimo, 9%; white, 45%; and others, 5%.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Stearly have a new daughter, Kimber-Leigh, who arrived on the 17th of October, joining a family of one sister and three brothers.



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The Staff: a Dedicated Group

Pioneer Staff Members

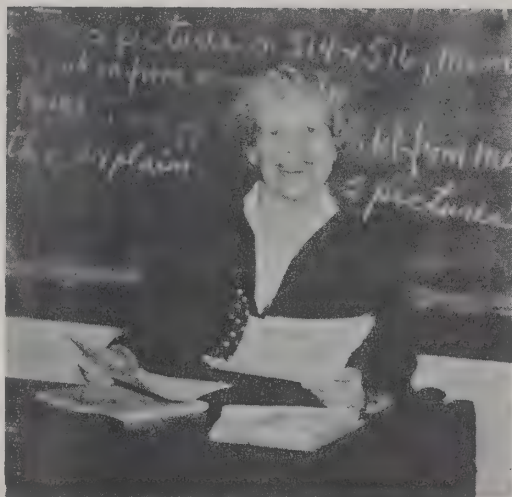
Impressions from Chet & Edith Latta

It was a Sunday morning in mid-July, 1945 and the S.S. North Sea sailed into Sitka with a new staff family aboard. They left the ship, were greeted by Mr. Yaw, the "superintendent of Sheldon Jackson School" and went directly to church service in the nearly fifty-year old Presbyterian Church on the Sheldon Jackson campus. The newcomers were Mr. and Mrs. Chester Latta, their eleven year old son, Elwood, and their daughter, Marilyn Mae, who had just celebrated her seventh birthday. Soon this family had established residence in the Ada Pears cottage (where Doigs now live). Although this house had been built about 1927, it was the newest staff house on campus.

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The "Chet" Lattas - photographs are of Marilyn and Elwood Latta.



Miss Whitmore - in her classroom.

Gladys Whitmore remembers

After one year of teaching a country school between my college sophomore and junior years, 12 years of teaching in high school, and 2 years in Girls' College, at Cairo, Egypt, I came to SJS in August, 1939, on a leave of absence from the science department at La Junta, Colorado, for one year only. I have been here ever since except for the year of '54-'55, when I taught part time at the Presbyterian academy and college at Pikeville, Kentucky, while I was regaining my health undermined by a tropical infection caught in Egypt.

The main characteristic of Sheldon Jackson has not been to change with the times but to change the times. The first missionary pioneers were people of vision; a trait seen constantly in the history of the school.

I came during the last year of Miss

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Thoughts from the President

What are the marks of a worker at Sheldon Jackson Junior College and High School? Look to those who have served over the years! Try to seek the answer to this important question in their lives!

A list of attributes of a staff member would read like the headings of a book on personal devotions. Chapter headings would be Personal Commitment; Belief in the Church Within the Kingdom; A Career Within the Church; Psychological and Physiological Drives; Ambition Without Glory. The chapters of the book would conclude with a recitation of how personal evangelism is the day by day contact with students and other staff members.

An analysis on a staff member would show that in every career missionary there is a genuine belief that Christ is Lord and the Church is his instrument in expanding the kingdom. This belief centers in the experience that unless the Church functions, there is a sterile and treacherous life ahead for all of us.

The individual seeking to find a place of service within the framework of the church makes choices and answers to opportunities. Some doors are opened in a providential way and others have to be forced open through preparation and prayer. The career within the church is marked by a life of varied experiences that accumulate and responsibilities that are thrust upon one as maturity becomes evident.

A missionary must have both health and mental drive. There cannot be a successful mission without people who have stamina and mental initiative. The very life and thrust of an institution depends on the alertness and adaptability of its members. Each year new combinations of circumstances demand a staff member will change quarters, classrooms, new extra curricular responsibilities and committee assignments.

Many times missionaries are eulogized because of the great contribution that is made in medicine, nursing, education or social service. Amid the files

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Lottie Stevenson's leadership of the school, as principal. She had helped bring the first eighth-grade graduating class to see the need for more education and to ask for high school work. She organized the high school and continued to lead all Southeastern Alaska in desiring the benefits of more education for their children. She was the sparkplug of an exceptionally able and consecrated staff, and together they achieved accreditation for SJS in 1935. Great strides had been made since '17, when the first high school class had been organized.

It was a terribly big undertaking to even walk in Miss Stevenson's shoes, and to assume her leadership I knew was beyond me, but I persuaded my school board at La Junta to release me so that I could have the experience of teaching science here.

It had been a real struggle during the latter years of the long depression to keep raising the standard of achievement. The war brought a shortage of qualified personnel so the school was shorthanded in teachers as well as material; yet the motto of "Competent Christian Citizenship" had to be constantly operative.

If I can influence any young people to see a need for more education as Miss Stevenson did, if I can persuade them to train their hands in shop and in work, and if I can persuade them to dig in and master the fundamentals of science so they can make a Christian contribution to life in this atomic era, I shall be happy that I came to Alaska, August, 1939.

Gladys Whitmore

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THE LATTAS - from page 1

As they became part of busy campus routine, an ambition of many years was being fulfilled in the lives of Mr. and Mrs. Latta. Now they were "missionaries," and the chief aim and purpose was to live and work and teach in such a way that the young people attending S.J. would grow into a closer walk with Christ as Lord and Savior.

Mr. Latta taught Industrial Arts, and Mrs. Latta taught seventh, eighth and ninth grade music and worked in the campus office. In 1949 they found it necessary to return to the States for a period of three years for special dental work, but they had often drunk water from Indian River and, according to legend, this insured their return to Sitka. And so it was that in 1952 they did return, this time driving up the Alaska Highway as far as Haines. Now, we find Mr. Latta in charge of campus construction while Mrs. Latta gives piano lessons in Pittsburgh Cottage, where they now live.

As this couple reminisce, they realize that time has brought many changes in their family, in Sitka, and on the S.J. campus. Marilyn, now a sophomore at Seattle Pacific College, plans to enter Christian service while Elwood, having completed his two years in the Army, is attending Wentworth Technical College in Boston, studying building construction in preparation for returning to Anchorage, where he is already established in his own construction business.

Sitka too has changed. No longer do steamers come, bringing new staff members. Instead of a relaxing, five day trip via the Inside Passage from Seattle, they arrive by plane within a few hours, eager and ready to assume new responsibilities. Nor are those responsibilities quite so varied as they once were. Mr. Latta recalls that in earlier years the staff and students dug ditches and did almost all other labor by hand. Now campus equipment includes such time and back saving devices as skill-saws, tractor, digging machine and dump truck.

New houses for our president and 3 other staff families add a new look, while all staff homes enjoy refriger-

ators, the first of which appeared on campus about 1950. Several families own automatic washers and dryers. What a difference from the days when laundry damp-dried between showers.

Yes, things are different now, - but isn't it better to change than to stand still? And as missionaries, our chief aim and purpose remains the same - to live and work and teach in such a way that our students will grow into a closer walk with Christ as Lord and Savior.

Cora Houk notes changes



Stevenson Hall supervisor, Miss Cora Houk.

With mixed feelings I boarded the S.S. Yukon in Seattle on August 16, 1938, for a leisurely voyage to Sitka, to become the office assistant at Sheldon Jackson. The trip took one week, via Skagway, a voyage to be cherished in memory, as now we make the trip in six or eight hours by plane. Having served the Board in the Southwest, I felt I was now coming to the ends of the earth. However, I found it not much different from the small community from which I came, except that once you were here you stayed right here for at least a year, as airplane travel was not as common as it is now. The war years in Sitka were quite an experience, especially the year 1942, during the time of blackouts, alerts, etc., but gradually all the activities of the military in this section became a part of the community until the Island

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was taken over for the Mt. Edgecumbe school.

During the time I have been in Sitka many changes have been made in the physical plant; in student privileges, in academic emphasis. To mention just a few - from uniformed girls to modern bouffants, from one chaperoned trip to town a week to almost unlimited town leave, the dropping of the 7th and 8th grades, the addition of Junior College and the change to a bi-racial student body.

I do not believe that one could say that I am exactly a creature of habit, for I have lived in seven different rooms (4 different buildings), and have had a nodding acquaintance with several others for short periods of time. I have worked at three major jobs, besides pinchhitting in others when need arose, as is true for all workers on a mission field. For the first nine years I was office assistant and dining room supervisor. Then after a period of illness I came back as supervisor in Stevenson Hall, which then housed 7th and 8th grades, freshmen, and some sophomores in high school. I served in this capacity for a year and nine weeks, when I was transferred back to the office. The last four years I have again been supervising freshman and sophomore girls.

While the complexities of modern living have brought changes in many ways, we still have the same challenge to help young people become competent, Christian citizens, and especially to encourage those who do not know Jesus Christ as their Savior to take this step. These Christian standards do not change, and to this end we must keep on working.

Engineer Doig reviews years

Twenty-two years ago I made an important decision, with the Lord's leading. The end result is my being in Sitka today. The way was opened for me to go to North Fork, California, and serve as boys' director of the North Fork Indian Mission. The Board of National Missions has been my employer ever since.



The Doigs at home with their four sons.

The desire to use my mechanical engineering training brought about the opportunity to go to Ganado, Arizona, with the plan of going to Sheldon Jackson the following year. My interest in activities about the Seattle waterfront and experience in small boat handling were factors which fit me for the Alaska assignment.

We enjoyed the trip to Sitka aboard the motorship Northland. There were just three of us then - Zelma, Bruce, six months old, and I - to arrive at Sitka in the rain on August 20, 1942. Through the years three more boys joined our family.

Mr. Charles Stuart was the engineer, and I was his assistant. He was a man of great ability and consecration to his job. His sense of humor, ingenuity, and vision tided him over many difficult situations and his twenty-five years of service in this field brought to me many incidents of the past.

In the last fifteen years I have seen many changes in staff, students, the physical plant, and in general policies of administration. There is a tendency to say it was better in the "good old days," but I am sure that fifteen years hence those who are still on the campus will look back to 1958 and say the same thing.

I have been close to the school boat, the SJS II, from the laying of her keel and the installation of machinery to making numerous trips on her to Puget Sound, Glacier Bay, and all the water ways from Skagway to Ketchikan for basketball, Gospel team, choir trips, Presbytery, conferences, log towing or freight hauling.

Many students have crossed the campus in the past fifteen years. It brings great joy to have a former student greet me as I go about S.E.

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Front row: Mrs. Harding, Mrs. Markee, Mrs. Marine, Miss Matters, Miss Schaffer, Miss Whitmore, Miss Houk, Miss Harkala, Miss Miller, Dr. Liu, Mrs. Simpson. Back row: Mr. Stearly, Miss Downer, Mr. Chester Latta, Miss Winans, Mrs. Frank Latta, Mrs. Sutterfield, Dr. Armstrong, Miss Owens, Rev. Van Pelt, Miss Frazer, Mr. Lekanof, Mr. Doig, Mr. Frank Latta, Mr. Sutterfield, Mr. Rosevear, Mr. Bullick, Mr. Markee, Mr. Marine Mr. Simpson. (Missing: Rev. Koschmann, Miss Jones, Mr. Henry, Mr. Borbridge)

Dietician Jessie Frazer feeds flock

"I always wanted to be a missionary and go to India," said Miss Jessie Frazer in speaking about her entrance into mission work. However, an ad in The Presbyterian interested her in coming to Alaska in 1946, and she has been an important part of Sheldon Jackson ever since.

The year she came there was a big strike which cut off freight shipments. As a result, Miss Frazer's trunk didn't arrive until Christmas Day and getting food supplies presented a problem. Recalling those days, our dietitian said, "At times we'd get down to our last sack of flour and our last potato - and in those days we used a sack of potatoes a day. We'd have to borrow some from town, or Mt. Edgecumbe, and they'd have to do the same when they were down."



Miss Frazer, relaxing in the staff living room, where dining-hall staff members drop in for coffee or tea after meals.

Perhaps it is because Miss Frazer gets satisfaction out of feeding people that her food tastes like "home cooking" instead of institutional food. It is amazing that it can be so consistently good, but even more amazing when one considers that her daily food budget, excluding Government surplus foods, allows 10 cents per person for breakfast, 20 cents for dinner, and 15 cents for supper.

An ordinary day begins at 6 a.m. It includes planning menus, helping order food, preparing reports for the school lunch program, making an inventory of foods on hand - and cooking, as well as

supervising students working in the kitchen. By 7 p.m. the routine tasks are done, but twice a week there is bread to be made - an average of 270 loaves a week. This is set at night and baked the next day.

When asked what she felt was the chief qualification for a dietitian, her answer was: not an ability to bake a cherry pie, or plan meals on a limited budget, or cope with complicated concoctions, but "honesty."

Freshman girls conduct Play School



Left: Preparing for Play School - Brenda Itta, of Barros, finishing doll. Right: "Teacher" and pupil. Freshman Lorraine MacLeod, of Annette, working puzzles with "Rusty" Doig.

Miss Ann Owens' freshman home-economics classes used live models when they studied the unit "Understanding Young Children." For two weeks before Christmas they conducted a play school in the recreation room of N.P.H. dormitory.

In preparing for play school the girls made toys - stuffed animals, painted spools and cans, made furniture such as tables, book cases, and chairs out of boxes, and they studied the development of children.

Activities for which the girls, as teachers, were responsible included check-in with the "nurse," free play, story time and music, games such as Farmer in the Dell, snack and rest, and art work.

Sixteen enthusiastic three and four year olds (including two Japanese children who could speak no English) attended the sessions, which lasted from 9:30 to 11 a.m.

Commenting on the project, Miss Owens said, "Our goal to promote a better understanding of small children was accomplished. I feel that the know-how and interest that the girls gained about young children was great. It is only a beginning, but these girls will be better baby-sitters and mothers."

Administration - an "Army" day

It would be difficult to pick out the busiest person on campus, but among the busiest one would have to include the president, Dr. Armstrong.

A job analysis for the president seems to include such items as directing a building program, teaching, doing work on his house, improving the grounds, painting - even scrubbing, entertaining campus guests, preparing publicity, preaching, and serving on numerous community committees.

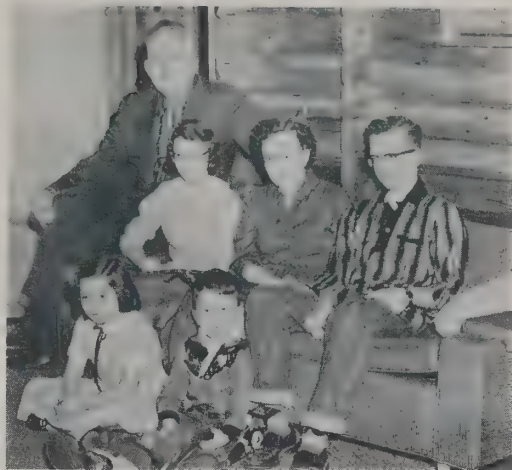
From Pautucket, R. I., Dr. Armstrong, or "Army" as he is commonly known, graduated from Grove City College, attended Princeton and Louisville seminaries, served as Sunday School missionary in Kentucky and Michigan, and came to Alaska in 1940. He served as pastor in Fairbanks and Anchorage and was Field Representative and Assistant Secretary for the Board of National Missions in Alaska before coming to S.J.

His two daughters are both students at Sitka High School. They, like their parents, are always ready to give visitors in their home a friendly welcome.



Dr. and Mrs. Armstrong with daughters Charlene and Allison.

Administration - the Dean



The Koschmanns in their new home, one of the three "Pan-abodes" started by work campers last summer.

Filling the day of Rev. Fred Koschmann, dean of Sheldon Jackson, are matters of school curriculum, summer curriculum for Alaska teachers, accreditation, discipline, guidance, staff meetings, and unclassifiable miscellany of unexpected events.

Rev. Koschmann came from Spokane, Washington, in 1937 after graduation from Oklahoma City University, Eastern Washington Teachers College, and Dubuque Seminary. He has taught in Washington and Alaska, served as superintendent of Anchorage schools, pastor of Anchorage and Fairbanks churches, is married, and has four children.

ADMINISTRATION THE BUSINESS MANAGER

The job of business manager is not strictly an office job at S.J. Mr. Gerald Markee, who came this year, manages the campus store, does purchasing for the school, teaches junior-college business, and coaches the junior-college team. Mr. Markee came to S.J. with experience in teaching and serving as principal and superintendent. He is from Oregon, a graduate of Linfield college and University of Idaho. His son and daughter attend the Sitka public schools.

See the next page for a picture of the Markee family.

Arctic Travel Fund spends \$2,000

Over \$2000 - \$2111.19 to be exact - was paid to Alaska and Pan American airlines in 1957 to enable students from Arctic areas to get to Sheldon Jackson or home from Sheldon Jackson. This fund was the result of the generosity of individuals and church groups both in Alaska and the States.

Contributors for the past year include the Haines Presbyterian Church, Rev. Lowell Campbell, Anchorage; David Karsten, Yakutat; Mrs. J. Cass, Anchorage; Louise Avery, St. Lawrence Island; Esther Gambel, San Francisco; Stanwood Washington Chapel; Chaplain Hans Sandrock, Northfield, Mass; Adult Class Presbyterian Church, Oak Park, Ill; Senior High Department, Oak Park, Ill; Mrs. Linton Trivette, Pikeville, Ken; and the New York Office.

The total amount now in the Arctic Travel Scholarship fund is \$874.24

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of every station are treasured memories of individuals whose names will never appear in bronze or marble. There are hundreds of adventurers in science, maintenance, home economics and teaching who deserve awards for their task. These people have ambition without seeking personal glory. They shall receive their "crown of righteousness," but their story should be told on earth.

Into all of the greatness of a missionary there goes the day by day witness to Christ as Lord. Hundreds of young people and adults will mark the start of their life in Christ through the life and teaching of a dedicated missionary who has come to the center of God's will. "Lord, use me," marks the missionary here at Sheldon Jackson.

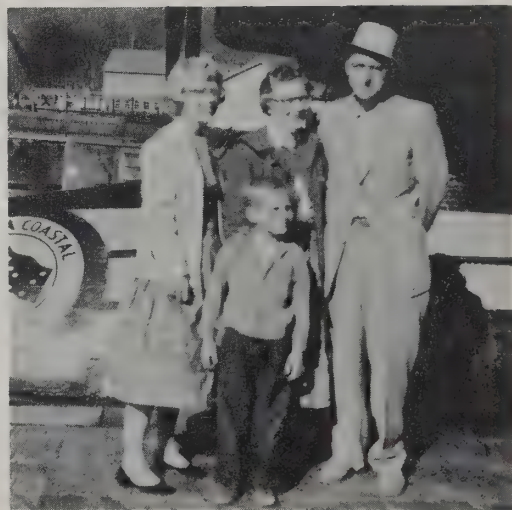
ENGINEER DOIG - from page four Alaska. These students are the dividends of the long-term investment of the Board of National Missions and the people of the Church. Many of them have become leaders in their com-



Condit House - future residence for junior college students - in late December. The last day of the year, the second floor and roof of the north end collapsed, but at the time of publication of this issue of the 'Verstovian,' the damage should be repaired. The date of occupancy of the center and south sections should be approximately April 1.

Coach Borbridge's 'Warriors' win

Starting out by winning the Lions Tournament, defeating both Mt. Edgecumbe and Sitka High School, the Sheldon Jackson Warriors, up to the time of this writing - January 15 - had been victorious in all their games.



The Markee family as they arrived in Juneau on their way to Sitka.

munities.

My constant prayer is for health and wisdom to cope with the ever-present problems of the "mechanical front" on our campus.

L. Doig

The Future Pioneers

7th Year: WILLIAM BULLICK, assistant engineer; from San Francisco; attended San Francisco State College; has three sons.

6th Year: ELINOR MATTERS, teaches business; from Neosho, Mo; graduated from Kansas State Teachers College (Pittsburg) and Assembly Training School in Richmond, Va; 2 summers as member of World Council of Churches work camps in Europe; taught in Kansas and Ohio Schools. ELIZABETH PETERS, mathematics; from Burnham Pa; taught in Pennsylvania; attended West Chester Normal School, Buchnell University, Grove City College, and Penn. State University; at present recovering from fall in which both ankles were broken.

5th Year: MARY ELIZABETH WINANS R.N., school nurse; from Maywood, Ill; graduated Blackburn Junior College, (Ill.) Presbyterian Hospital (Chicago) Dubuque University; came here.

4th Year: MABEL DOWNER, librarian; from Roscoe, S. D; graduated from Jamestown College (N.D.) and Kansas State Teachers College, (Emporia); came here. PHYLLIS LOWE LATTA (Mrs. Frank L. since July); bookkeeper from Mahonoy, Pa; graduated from McCann School of Business; worked as teller in the First National Bank of Sayre, Pa. MAUDE HOLT SIMPSON (Mrs. Robert S since July), art teacher; from Spokane, Wn; graduated from Whitworth College (Wn.) and Washington State College; taught for the Board of National Missions at Tuscon Indian Training School, except for 16 months in Japan.

3rd Year: JOHN BORBRIDGE, athletic director; from Juneau, Alaska; graduated from S J J C and U of Michigan; married, has three children. HELMI HARKALA, English; from Marquette, Mich; graduated from Northern Mich. College of Education and U of Mich; taught in public schools of Michigan and Warren Wilson Jr. College, N.C. DAVID C. HENRY, nightwatchman; from Yakutat, Alaska; attended Wrangell Institute and Bible Institute, Prince Albert, Sask; has fished, worked in

the Forest Service. FRANK LATTA, student life counselor, history teacher; from Lubbock, Texas; graduated from Trinity U (San Antonio) and Texas Technological; taught art in the public school system in Lubbock.

2nd Year: FLORE LEKANOF, supervisor of older boys; from St. George Island in the Pribilof Islands, Alaska; graduated from Whitworth College, (Wn.); attended San Anselmo Seminary (Calif.) one term; was mission worker in Tacoma Indian Mission; married. HOPE MARINE, (Mrs. Kenneth); part time teacher of science and English; from Maryville, Tenn; graduated from Maryville College; taught in private schools and Tennessee public schools. KENNETH MARINE, industrial arts teacher; from Maryville, Tenn; graduated East Tennessee State Teachers College; taught in public schools and Berry College (Rome, Ga.); married, has one son. ANNOWENS, supervisor of older girls and Home Ec. teacher; from Redondo Beach, Calif; born in China; graduate of Whittier College; taught in Redondo Beach public school. EDWARD ROSEVEAR, music director; from Bloomfield, N.J; attended Eastman School of Music; graduated from Rollins College (Fla.); attended Colo. State College; was in the Army band; taught public school music; member of El Paso (Texas) and Florida symphony orchestras; married, has three sons.

1st Year: MRS. EDITH HARDING, receptionist secretary; from Chicago; was in an Audit unit for USAAF during the war. ROY HOOPER, supervisor of younger boys; from Fletcher, Vt; attended Vermont State School of Agriculture; stationed in Alaska with army. PATRICIA JONES, assistant dietician; from Bismark, N. D. and Moorhead, Minn; graduated from the Dickinson College (Penn.); was supervisor at Haines House. D R. YU-CHEN LIU, home economics; from Hwai-Yuen, China; graduated from Chee-Loo U. (China) and Oregon State College; with Board of National Missions at Warren Wilson Junior College and Barber-Scotia College. CAROL MARKEE,

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This is the place where, eighty years ago, pioneer educators established what is now Sheldon Jackson Junior College and high school. The campus stretches out along the bay under the shadow of Mt. Verstovia and Mt. Arrowhead. The beauty suggested in this picture taken from the place where Baranof's castle once stood is one of the continuing joys of those who work at Sheldon Jackson.

FUTURE PIONEERS

part time teacher, math and sociology; from Portland, Ore. area; graduated from Willamette University, Oregon. ELIZABETH SCHAFFER, physical education and relief supervisor for girls; from O'Neill, Neb; graduated from U of Nebraska last year. ROBERT STEARLY, maintenance; from Laporte Colo; lived in Alaska six years; was a Navy electrician 3 years; married, has four children. JOAN SUTTERFIELD (Mrs. William); laundry supervisor; a new bride; from Syracuse, Kans; attended College of Emporia. WM. SUTTERFIELD, electrician; from Pittsburg, Kansas; attended Kansas State Teachers College (Pittsburg); graduated from College of Emporia last year. AUSTIN VAN PELT, part-time Bible teacher and assistant to the pastor of the Sitka Church; from Rahway, N.J; graduated Maryville College (Tenn.) and Louisville Seminary (Ky.) ordained 1955; married, has a daughter. "UNCLASSIFIED;" Hardly classifiable is Miss Isabel Miller, whose social work may include teaching mathematics at

S.J., helping with career week, finding finances for a needy student. Although her work takes her to all parts of S.E. Alaska, she spends part of her time each year at S.J; graduated University of Indiana and University of Chicago; has worked for Alaska Welfare Dept. and Board of National Missions.

January 13-18 was "Career Week" at S.J. Each day a different vocation or profession was discussed by some off-campus guest speaker.

Rev. John Stokes, pastor of College Presbyterian Church, College, Alaska, will be speaker for Spiritual Emphasis Week, January 19-26.

Summer school for Alaska teachers is being held next summer on the Sheldon Jackson Campus, sponsored by Whitworth College. On the staff will be members from Whitworth and Sheldon Jackson.

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SUMMER SCHOOL ENROLLS 46 STUDENTS



Whistles, bells and sirens sounded all over Sitka, and all over Alaska, to announce the fact that the statehood bill had passed the Senate. The chimes atop Allen Hall announced the event to the campus. Not to be outdone by all of the celebration, Assistant Engineer Bill Bullick clambered atop the laundry building to ring out the news on the old school bell, which had not rung for many a day prior to the momentous event.

STAFF BUSY THIS SUMMER

With the coming of summer comes increased work for the maintenance staff. This summer, as usual, several summer workers whose pictures can be seen in this issue of the Verstovian, have come to help in the work of maintaining and renovating the campus buildings.

Major projects this summer include: renovation of the kitchen and of Craig Cottage, rewiring of Fraser Hall, renovation of the gymnasium, including repainting the entire interior, the installation of a balcony and addition of a new shower room; also included in major projects are the construction of two new staff homes, for occupancy in early fall.

In addition to this work there has been a great deal of painting and patching in the dormitories along with repairs to the shower room and steps at Stevenson Hall.

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The first Sheldon Jackson - Whitworth College summer school got under way on June 16 with 46 persons enrolled and a teaching staff of eleven. Students, most of whom are teachers, came from seven Alaska communities. Twenty-five listed their home town as Sitka, fifteen as Mt. Edgecumbe, with Kokhanok, Metlakatla, Usibelli and Northway also represented.

Dr. Gustav Schlauch and Mrs. Estella Tiffany of Whitworth College in Spokane, Washington, Mrs. Jessie Dean of Mt. Edgecumbe, and Mrs. Henrietta Krantz, Speech Consultant for the Alaska Department of Health, were visiting faculty members, sharing the teaching load with eight regular members of the Sheldon Jackson faculty. These were Mabel Downer, Frank Latta, Yu-Chen Liu, Austin Van Pelt, Maude Simpson, Mary Winans Hooper, Gerald Markee, Business Manager, and Fred Koschmann, Dean. Classes in education, speech, art, Bible, library science and first aid were given.

A number of social events were held during the four and one half week school. A reception for the visiting faculty took place in Condit House lounge on June 17. Subsequent week-ends were enlivened with a salmon bake, picnics, an all-day trip on the motor vessel SJS II, and trips to points of interest. Chapel services were held twice a week with speakers from the faculty and from Sitka. Among those taking part were the Rev. William Gavin, the Rev. H.H. Chapman, Pastor Richard Gaenslen, Mr. Herb Wells, the Rev. Randolph McCluggage, Dr. Schlauch and Fred Koschmann. Weekly discussion groups were held on Christian life problems with Dr. Schlauch and Mrs. Tiffany as leaders.

It was possible for students to earn a

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SUMMER SCHOOL STUDENT SERVES AS MISSIONARY

Summer school students are a varied
lot. They include teachers from many
areas of the territory. One of these stu-
dents is Miss Pauline Smith.

In 1957 Pauline went to Kokhanak, Ala-
ska, as a Missionary under Arctic Mis-
sion, Inc. (Independent Board with head-
quarters in Anchorage). The people not
only wanted to know the Word of God, but
wanted to learn how to read, so Miss
Smith taught them during the year and
plans to continue the work another year.
She not only teaches the younger ones but
has evening classes for men, who are in-
terested to know how to read the written
page.

Miss Smith came to Alaska in 1935 ---
working various places as a Missionary;
first independently, then for the last four
years, under the Arctic Mission.



A "graduated" student from Pratt, Kansas, Forest
"Skeeter" Link is doing electrical work on the cam-
pus. He will be here until fall when he plans to enter
McCormick Theological Seminary in Chicago.



Dr. and Mrs. Brown

BROWN COMPLETES SCHOOL SURVEY

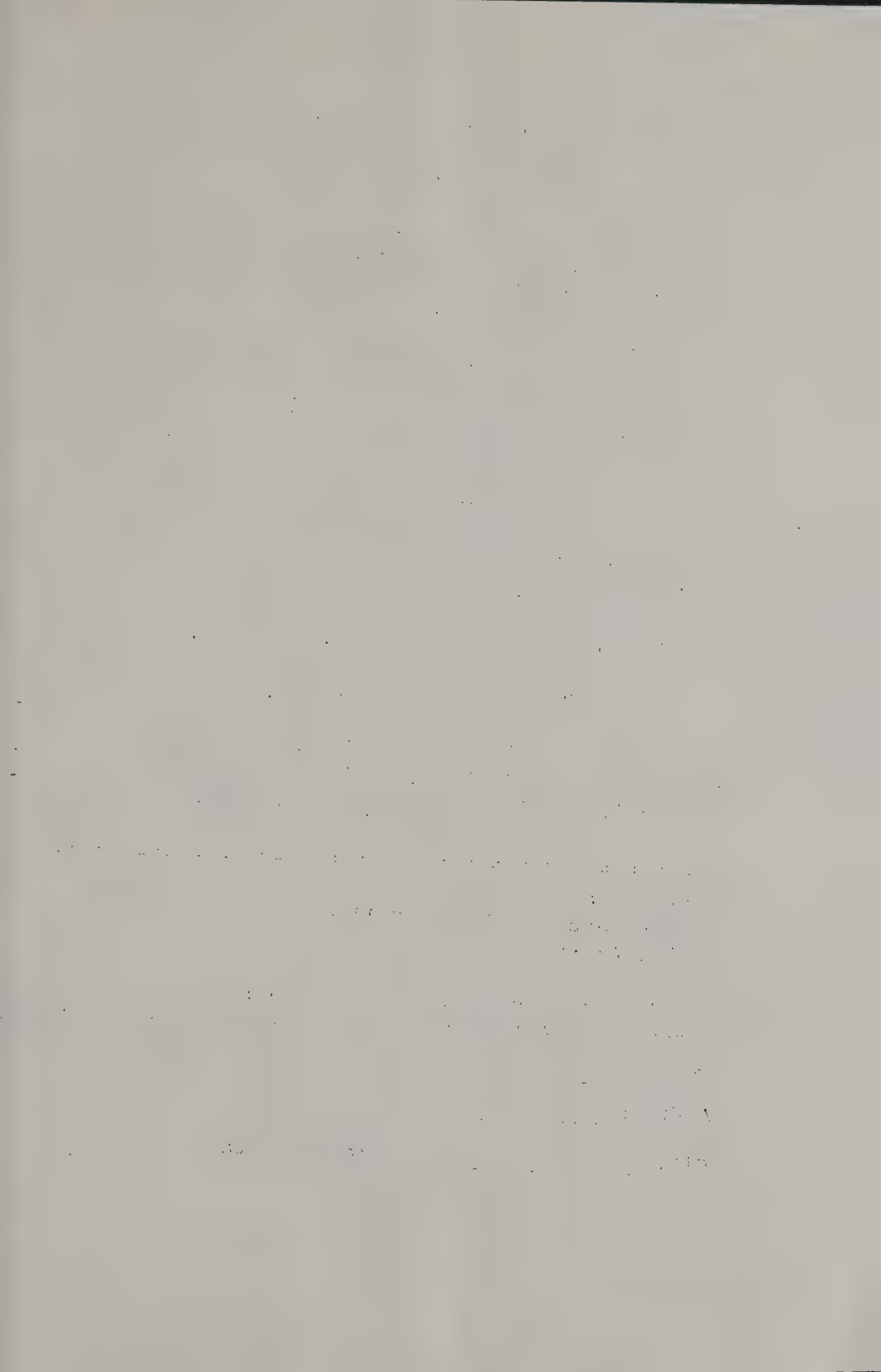
Dr. Milton Brown, the newly appointed
Assistant Secretary of Survey, from the
Educational and Medical Department of
the Board of National Missions in New
York, spent three weeks on the Sheldon
Jackson campus during the month of May.

In addition to being Commencement
speaker at graduation, Dr. Brown made a
very complete survey of the entire school
which included a study of the needs for a
private high school and Junior College in
Alaska; the past, present and possible
future enrollment, faculty and program
of classroom studies. He checked on such
physical equipment as the classroom and
dormitory needs, gymnasium and athletic
facilities and equipment, and thoroughly
investigated the problem of faculty
housing.

Hardly a stone was left unturned as Dr.
Brown searched out information for the
reports he is compiling which upon com-
pletion will be turned over to the New
York office for further study.

Mrs. Brown accompanied her husband
and took care of his secretarial work.
They made their headquarters in the
school infirmary.

Dr. Brown was superintendent of schools
of the Orange New Jersey school system
for many years prior to accepting this
position almost a year ago. Since his ap-
pointment the Browns have been traveling
from one educational institution to another
making similar surveys, and compiling
reports with his recommendations.



THIS CHRISTMAS SEND A CARD
that is
DIFFERENT AND ATTRACTIVE

The members of the Sheldon Jackson Junior College Gospel Team are making available an assortment of Christmas cards by the noted Eskimo artist,

Robert Mayokok

Each package contains twelve cards, three each of four different drawings of authentic scenes from Eskimo life.

The cards are printed in the Sheldon Jackson printing shop. They contain the simple inscription:

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

The inscription is accompanied by an appropriate scripture verse.

Each package sells for \$1.25, postpaid

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They will be mailed to you in late November, in ample time for Christmas mailing. All orders must be received prior to September 1, 1958!

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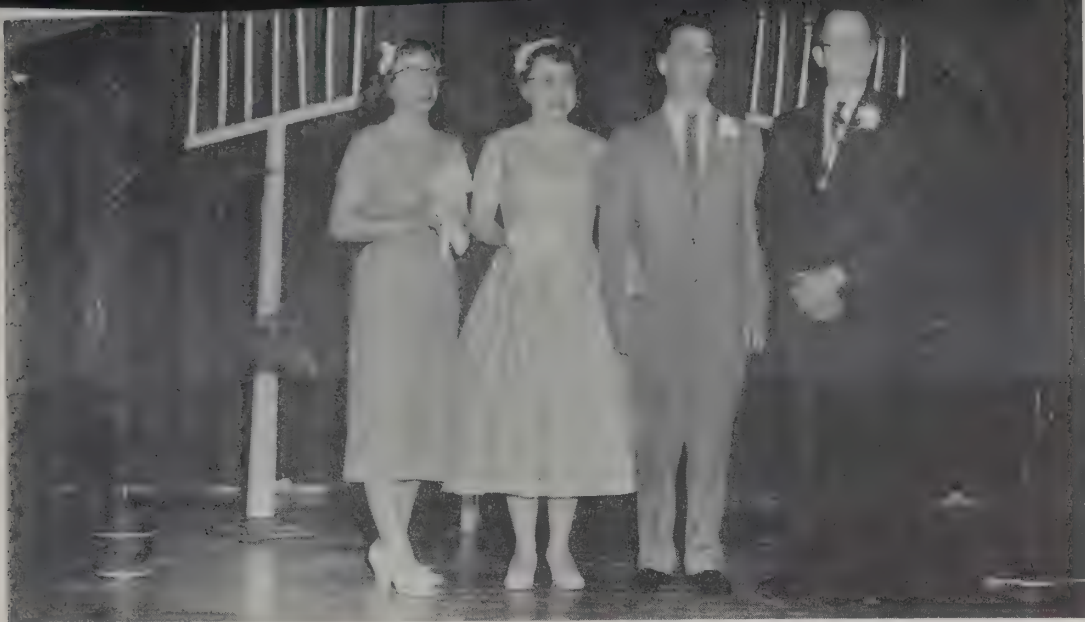
Gospel Team
Sheldon Jackson Junior College
Sitka, Alaska

Gentlemen: Enclosed is \$ _____. Please send me _____ packages of Authentic Alaskan Eskimo Christmas Cards.

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ Zone _____ State _____



Miss Mary Beth Winans and Mr. Roy Hooper were united in marriage in our Chapel on May 17 at 4:00 in the afternoon. Mary Beth is the school nurse and Roy is on the maintenance staff. Attendants were Helmi Harkala (English Dept.) and Robert Stearly (Maintenance)

CAMPUS CHATTER

(With apologies to the student paper)

April 17, 1958 marked the 80th birthday of Sheldon Jackson School. Mrs. Jessie Price, a member of the first Sheldon Jackson High School graduating class, baked and donated a beautiful cake for the school's birthday party.

The 12th Junior College graduating class and the 37th High School graduating class received their diplomas on the morning of May 17.

The Junior College students will be living in luxury next year in their new dormitory, Condit House, which is now completed and is housing the summer school students.

Rev. and Mrs. Austin Van Pelt are the proud parents of a baby girl, Anne Elenora, born April 30. They have another daughter, Maty Elizabeth, who is 2 1/2 years old. Mrs. Van Pelt's mother, Mrs. D.S. Kramer from Maryville, Tennessee, arrived May 25 to spend the summer.

Presbyterians in Alaska are very proud to see the new Anna Jackman traveling with the Princeton Hall through the waters of Southeastern Alaska. The Anna Jackman can sleep 33 and carry 75. Both boats are 64 feet 11 inches long. The Princeton Hall has traveled through Southeastern Alaska waters under the Christian flag since 1944.

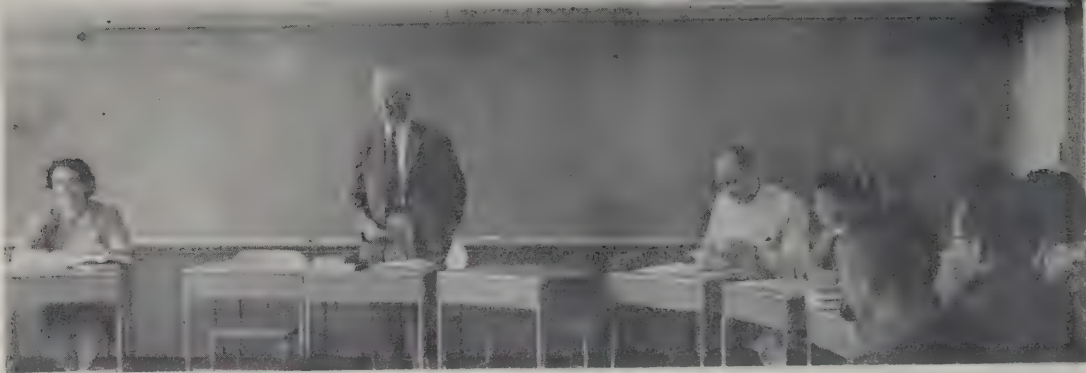
The Presbyterian Seminar conducted by Dr. Earl Jackman arrived at Sheldon Jackson Saturday evening, June 21 and stayed over Sunday to enjoy one of Mr. Chester Latta's delicious salmon bakes. There were 38 people from 11 states traveling with Dr. Jackman.

Radio Station KSEW, the Voice of Sheldon Jackson, which is owned and operated by the Board of National Missions is starting a \$60,000 building program this summer. They are adding two studios and three offices to the present plan and space for a larger transmitter. Also included in this building program are three new homes for the KSEW Staff.

Three college students living on campus and working for KSEW this summer are Paul Biering from Montana, Steven Domonkos from Hungary and Iowa, and Tom Lange from New York.

Coach John Borbridge and Junior College students Elmer Ipalook and Barbara Lewis represented the school, stateside, at the Presbyterian Women's Organization meeting at Purdue.

Campus is buzzing with activity again this summer as two new Pan Abode homes are being erected atop the hill near the President's home. At the time of this writing foundations are being poured. It is hoped that two staff families will be able to move in early in the fall semester.



Dr. Schlauch in his guidance class

Meet the visiting summer school faculty members

Summer school at Sheldon Jackson was held in conjunction with Whitworth College. Credits were issued by Whitworth, and two of the summer faculty members were members of the Whitworth faculty. Dr. Schlauch, head of Sociology Department at Whitworth, and Mrs. Estelle Tiffany, Director of Student teaching, both taught education courses in the summer school. Two additional faculty members were drawn from the community of Sitka: Mrs. Jessie Dean of Mt. Edgecumbe and Mrs. Henrietta Krantz, Speech and Hearing Consultant with the Alaska Department of Health.

Dr. Schlauch, who received his doctorate from the University of Washington, has had extensive educational experience.

He has taught in a one room rural school as well as in junior and senior high school. He has been a principal and also superintendent of several small town schools. He came to Whitworth in 1942, after serving as president of a junior college for nine years.

Mrs. Schlauch, who with her husband is active in the work of the Baptist church, accompanied Dr. Schlauch on this trip, which they claim is but the continuation of their honeymoon, begun thirty-nine years ago.

Mrs. Tiffany, whose husband, a minister, was killed in World War II, has been on the faculty at Whitworth for eight years. In addition to her responsibilities as director of student teachers, she is on the committee for Association of Women Students. Mrs. Tiffany has done graduate work in the field of Guidance and Counseling at the University of Washington.

Mrs. Henrietta Krantz, who came to Alaska from the University of Hawaii two and a half years ago, is working with the summer school students in the field of speech and hearing problems. Her work with the Department of Health includes working with the teachers of Southeastern Alaska to help solve speech and hearing problems found in school children.

Mrs. Dean is the wife of the superintendent of Mt. Edgecumbe school. She and Mr. Dean have worked with the Bureau of Indian Affairs for several years in the states, prior to their coming to Alaska. Mrs. Dean, who teaches two courses in the summer school, holds her Master's Degree from the University of Oklahoma.



Miss Wanda Scott of Export, Pennsylvania is assistant cook for the summer. In the fall she will return to Export (near Pittsburgh) to teach Home Economics

STAFF PLANS VACATIONS

Vacation time it seems is as attractive to the staff as to the students. Nine of our staff are taking three months this summer. Miss Whitmore is spending her vacation in Mexico City and Guatemala.

North Hills, Pennsylvania is where you will find Miss Cora Houk this summer. She is visiting friends along the way. This state of Pennsylvania must be quite attractive to our staff in the summer.

Miss Elizabeth Peters is spending her three months in Lewiston with her sister and Pat Jones will head for there when she finishes her library work here this summer. Even a confirmed Texan like Frank Latta will make a pilgrimage to the city of Sayre to join his wife Phyllis. They will go on to Texas from there.

Michigan is the destination for two of our people. Miss Helmi Harkala is in Marquette and Miss Elinor Matters is spending the summer with her sister in Okemos.

Mr. and Mrs. Flore Lekanof are in South Dakota. Also planning a vacation in the same state is Mabel Downer, our librarian.

The Ken Marines, accompanied by Mrs. Marine's mother from Tennessee arrived on campus July 10.

Other one-monthers going out to the states are the Koschmanns and the Rosevears. They are planning a leisurely trip down the highway to Washington.

It is off to O'Neill, Nebraska for Miss Elizabeth Schaffer, where she will spend the summer with her parents.

Several of our staffers are looking forward to the warm sunny (?) California climate. Miss Ann Owens will visit her family there for a month. Maude and Bob Simpson will be in California for a few days as well as in Tacoma and Spokane, Washington.

The Canadian member of our staff, Miss Jesse Frazer, is in Canada visiting her family. With her sister, she drove to the east coast.

Before going to Barber Scotia where she will teach next year Dr. Liu will visit her sister in Hongkong.

Miss Isabel Miller, Social Worker, is going to Europe after the Women's meeting in Purdue.

It will be a late vacation for the Chet Lattas, whose three month vacation begins in October.

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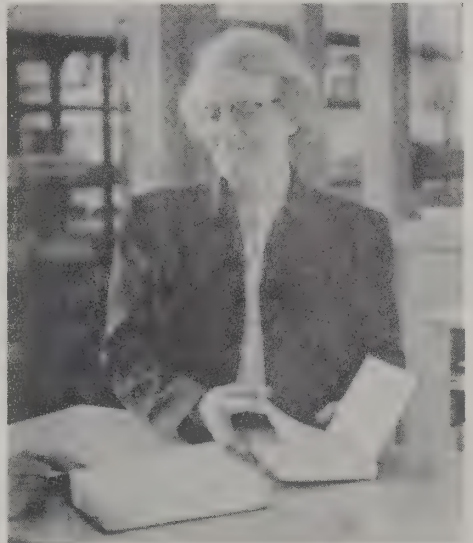


Mr. Paul Duncan, senior history major from Blackburn College in Carlinville, Illinois, is doing maintenance and construction work on the SJ campus this summer.

Jo and Bill Sutterfield will spend their vacations in Kansas.

The ones who are staying here in nice cool, beautiful Alaska are Mrs. Edith Harding, the Stearlys, Markees, Bullicks, Doigs, Borbridges, Van Pelts and Hoopers. Mrs. Harding accompanied Dr. Jackman's

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Assistant in the school library for the summer is Miss Nellie J. Overhulser from Washington, D.C. Miss Overhulser is a member of the National Presbyterian Church. She will return to Washington in September where she teaches high school business courses.



Hostess in the Sheldon Jackson Museum this summer is Mrs. Zenda Sanders from Woodburn, Oregon. (Last summer she served as a volunteer worker in Central and South America for the Pan American Christian Network, San Jose, Costa Rica.) The SJ Museum is one of the outstanding collections of Alaska. Visiting it are Mrs. Tiffany, Dr. and Mrs. Schlauch.

STAFF BUSY THIS SUMMER

The roofs of the four high school dormitories are being painted between rainstorms. Cabinet work in the new science lab has been completed and it is hoped that materials will arrive in time to complete the remainder of the lab before school starts.

The steam tunnel has been completed, as has the road to the new J. C. dorm.

Work is expected to be completed this month on the new IBM master clock system, which provides a master clock in the administration building with clocks and bells over the entire campus synchronized to the master clock.

In addition to all of these major projects and many smaller ones there are always unexpected emergencies which keep the maintenance staff busy. One of these unforeseen emergencies occurred as this issue of the *Verstovian* was going to press, when the flume which carries water for the hydro-electric plant collapsed.

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STAFF PLANS VACATIONS

seminar group for the trip to Barrow and Nome. The Stearlys, Bullicks and Doigs will be in Sitka and surrounding waters fishing and taking it easy in general. The Markees are going to see how the other half live up north by camping along the roads of the Interior. The Van Pelts will be here getting better acquainted with their new daughter. Mary Beth and Roy Hooper have been honeymooning in the President's Residence while they were away. John Borbridge attended the Purdue meeting in June before he settled down to a quiet vacation time here on campus. And speaking of the Armstrongs, they are really making the rounds this summer. Army will be busy on school business and speaking engagements in various parts of the country while Catherine and the girls are in Canyon City, Colorado, visiting relatives.



Mrs. Fenner, a summer school student, gets real practice in working with children with hearing and speech problems in Speech class.

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maximum of seven semester hours credit. Credits were issued by Whitworth College which is fully accredited by the Northwest Association.

Plans are already being made for another summer session next year. Preliminary announcements will be made early in the fall concerning it. The success of this summer promises well for a growing enrollment in future sessions.

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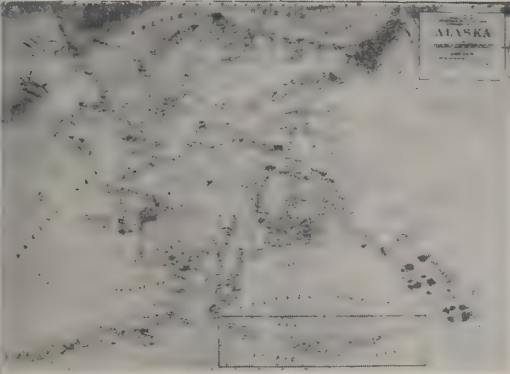
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S.J. Students represent 52 Alaskan communities and four other states



This year we find students in high school and junior college from 52 Alaskan communities, plus Michigan, Washington, Oregon and Ohio. Each year the circle widens. The following figures will be borne out by the accompanying map:

From S.E. Alaska (15 towns, villages)	53.8%
Interior and Barrow	25.8
Aleutians, Kodiak, Kuskokwim, Nome & St. Lawrence Island	20.4

With the ever widening area covered by the school, we find changes in racial makeup of the student body. While 82 years ago the school was started for the Thlinget Indians, today we find that the various Indian groups represent 40.3% of the total. White students make up 25.2%, while Eskimo, and Eskimo and White represent 18.5%, Aleuts 9.4% and other mixtures 6.6%. The changes at Sheldon Jackson reflect the changes in the State of Alaska - the influx of people from other

states and other countries. The great military installations on the rim of the world bring new and varied business and industry, the necessity for rapid communication and transportation and the transportation and development of new areas where schools have not been organized. In addition to this, the native Alaskan is becoming more and more interested in higher education and many find the answer to their need at Sheldon Jackson Junior College and High School where progress in Christian education and higher learning is ever on the agenda.

In THE VERSTOVIAN of October 1929, we find some interesting comparisons. Under the heading 'Progress' we find in part, "In the school catalog of 1916 prepared under the direction of Prof. C.L. Johns, then superintendent, the following statistics appear: High School, 1; of the entire school membership 78% were in grades lower than the fourth and with the exception of the one high school pupil all were in classes lower than the eighth grade. Up to the present time this year (1929) the enrollment is 133. There are no classes lower than fourth grade and 82% are in sixth or higher with a high school enrollment of 33, the largest thus far in the history of the school. There is also a much more satisfactory relationship between age and grade. In the 1916 group the majority of the pupils were older than 18 years. In 1929 the average age for the entire group is 15. In the high school group, the average is 18 and the youngest pupil 13."

These are interesting facts. Today there is no grade school and this year, (1959) the enrollment in high school is 119 with

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"But something ere the end,
Some work of noble note, may yet be done.
The lights begin to twinkle from the rocks;
The long day wanes: the slow moon climbs: the deep
Moans around with many voices. Come, my friends,
'Tis not too late to seek a newer world.
Push off, and sitting well in order smite
The sounding furrows; for my purpose holds
To sail beyond the sunset, and the baths
Of all the western stars until I die.
It may be that the gulfs will wash us down:
It may be we shall touch the Happy Isles,
And see the great Achilles, whom we knew
Though much is taken, much abides; and though
We are not now that strength which in old days
Moved earth and heaven: that which we are, we are;—
One equal temper of heroic hearts,
Made weak by time and fate, but strong in will
To strive, to seek, to find, and not to yield."

—ALFRED, LORD TENNYSON,
From "Ulysses."

TO THINK ABOUT

"He that is with the King is not alone,
though forsaken of all others.
He on whom the sun shines
is not without light,
though all his candles are put out.
If God be our God,
He is our all."

-Richard Baxter

Christian Social Work Service

By Isabel Miller

This Presbyterian service, with headquarters in Juneau for its one traveling worker, is now starting its fifth year. Though its day-to-day activities sometimes seem endlessly varied and are often unpredictable, they boil down pretty well into the casework formula of 'helping people to help themselves.' The staff and students of Sheldon Jackson and their families form a special group to whom this service is offered as one small factor in the working out of their personal, and sometimes professional problems of education, health and social adjustment. It may be a student who was born in the outskirts of the Aleutians who needs help in verifying her date of birth; or a mother in one of the northern coal mining camps who wants to know if her daughter should take a formal with her to Sheldon Jackson; or a boy worried about how his mother is getting along; or even the business manager wanting help in figuring out the procedures of one of the public welfare agencies -- each a small bit of service, but taking some time and know-how and adding up to a busy day for the caseworker.

Much more intensive service is given to the children and families served by Haines House, the Childrens' Home in Haines, and for Hospitality House, the Presbyterian hostel for teenage girls in Fairbanks. Ministers in both Alaska and Yukon Presbyteries bring some of their questions on adoption, family breakup and child-care difficulties of their people to the caseworker. Direction action, including referral to the proper public agency,

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The Junior College - 1959 - a year of Progress

Pioneering a New Curriculum

By Dr. R. Rolland Armstrong, President

Over a period of several years the Administration of Sheldon Jackson has been investigating the possible extension of curriculum services. This year under the direction of Mary Hurley of the Alaska State Department of Health the new field has been appraised, studied and is about ready for adoption.

The new curriculum will lead to an Associate of Science Degree in Health and Welfare. The objective of the course will be to prepare youth to enter the Health and Welfare Department in new service areas throughout the state. After the two year program and an internship period with the Department, the youth will complete the Bachelor of Science Degree at the University of Alaska or some other school giving advanced studies in this field. It is anticipated that following graduation from the university program another period of internship employment will be followed by the most progressive and qualified students for their Masters in Health or Welfare.

The state of Alaska is in dire need of trained Alaskans. It is nearly unanimously held that Alaska must produce Alaskans for many of these jobs. Many times a future employee of the Health and Welfare Department must interpret methods of health, welfare and other governmental functions in the small villages. To have Alaskans ready for this work will be a progressive method of opening doors in sanitation, health education and care for children and the ageing.

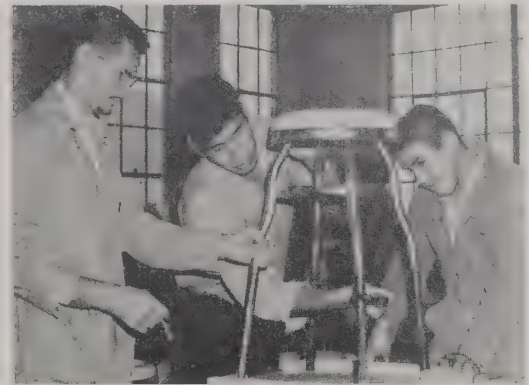
It is anticipated that at least two additions will have to be made to the present staff. A heavier emphasis will be made on science. Foreign language will be part of the base curriculum. Within the course students will take specialized courses leading to employment as x-ray technicians, statistical clerks, sanitation aids, sanitation aid supervisors, kitchen assistants, psychiatric technicians and nurses aids. Other young people will be qualified through the two year program and internship for general business and field representative positions within the state.



Morris Kiyutelluk, Steve Oesterle and Dave Schwab in the new chemistry lab



Bev Alexander in art class with instructor, Mrs. Simpson



Bill Leavitt, Franklin Littlefield and instructor Russell Braun in industrial arts department, Sage

The program will be under the guidance of the state Department of Health and Welfare with the Merit System of the state screening young people prior to internship. It is anticipated that this course will increase registrations of incoming freshmen in 1960-61. The dormitory will be hard pressed for rooms but adjustments are already being contemplated to expand living space to make room for new students. It is anticipated that an average of five to eight students will graduate each year in this accelerated program.

THE J C'S TELL

This year 32 students enrolled in the junior college. The men's section of Condit House is filled. This means that women are in the minority as far as numbers are concerned. This year they come from 18 Alaskan Communities - from St. Lawrence Island and Barrow to Ketchikan - and from Oregon, Ohio and Washington. The college is truly making its impact on the young people of Alaska. Students from other of our 50 states make for an ever broadening experience for those who attend. Here the races and religions mingle and find a common ground of mutual understanding and appreciation for each other. Although in the junior college Presbyterians represent over 84% of the students, we also find Lutherans and Baptists in the group. Races are represented by the pure Thlinget and Tsimpsian, the Indian mixtures, and the various Indian and white mixtures. There are also white, Eskimo and Aleut students. The analysis indicates:

Indian	31.2%
Indian & white	12.5
White	34.4
Eskimo	18.8
Aleut	3.1

This year there are ten sophomore students which means that the junior college will graduate a larger number than in former years. Here again the women are in the minority, represented by Catherine Nowitna Clark and Florence Milne. Both these girls are proud of their Indian ancestry. Cathy, having been born in a small plane while crossing the Nowitna River, was appropriately given its name. Cathy has lived a good bit of her life in California, but Florence has spent her growing years in Southeast Alaska. Both girls are majoring in business education and hope to be employed in that field after graduation.

Dave Schwab, son of missionary parents now situated in the oldest Protestant Church in Alaska at Wrangell, is one of the bright young men in the science field - chemistry major; geology minor. He plans to become an analytical chemist specializing in mineral identification and assaying, but has not decided where he will complete his education and obtain his

Master of Science degree.

Franklin Littlefield of Metlakatla, a graduate of Sheldon Jackson High School, is interested in anything pertaining to electronics. Franklin has been one of the basketball stars on campus for several years. He voices the opinion of many of the students when he says, "The thing I'd like to see done on the S.J. campus is a new student union building...one that will have just about every type of recreation...so that the students wouldn't always want to go to the village to spend their money or to look for relaxation."

The Holt twins, Bob and Ray, whose father is an army chaplain, have seen a good bit of the world in their young lives, came to Alaska for their junior college work. Bob plans to finish college at Washington State and obtain a degree in radio-television broadcasting. Ray will complete his college work at Whitworth.

Clarence Duke, born in Arizona, came to Alaska because of his father's employment and has attended Sheldon Jackson High School as well as junior college. During the summer he works for the Bureau of Public Roads as a heavy equipment operator and hopes to complete his college work after leaving S.J.

Keith Plotner came to S.J. from the Tacoma area. He has had a newspaper route, raised dairy cattle, worked in 4-H and F.F.A. He has been Master Councilor and later State Chaplain of DeMolay. He has attended Pacific Lutheran College and after completing his sophomore year at S.J. hopes to go to one of our Presbyterian seminaries. Keith is one of our pre-theological students of whom we are proud.

John Stephen Oesterle, whose father is medical officer at the Government Hospital at Mt. Edgecumbe, has attended schools from Washington, D.C. to the west coast before coming to Sitka. He says, "My goal in life is to fit myself to be a physical therapist. Since I love people, I will do my best to help and please them."

William Willoya of Nome attended high school there. While serving with the U.S. Army in Germany, he completed high school and some freshman college work. William is Eskimo and comes to S.J.

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THEIR STORIES



The junior college class in front of Condit House

The Junior College Freshmen

Twelve of our junior college freshmen were graduated from S.J. high school last spring. Joe Bennett, Sam Demmert, Ed John, Tommy Dalton, Martin Milne and Dennis Gray, all experienced fishermen, feel that they can no longer depend on fishing for a livelihood and want a good education in order that they will be able to qualify for other types of work. All are interested in business careers except Sam Demmert, who wants to be a teacher. All are from southeast Alaska, all are full or partly Thlinget and proud of their heritage. Joe, Tommy, Martin and Dennis, stars of the WARRIORS Basketball Team, will add valuable strength to the junior college team.

Larry Shearer came to junior college partly because of his opportunity to work at KSEW and also for further education in music including voice and choir directing. Larry is not sure what he will do in the future - it all depends on his progress this year.

Fred Ahmaogak of Wainwright hopes to go on to university after completing junior college, but has not decided on his major interest.

Marion Booth of Metlakatla is special-

izing in business training, as is Frances Craig of Sitka, who wants as much business training as she can possibly have in order to find a good office position.

Byron Shaquanie of Hydaburg and Wm. Leavitt of Barrow seem to have no immediate plans for the future, but have the two years at junior college in which to make up their minds and choose their major fields.

Leonard Apangalook came to S.J. from Gambell on St. Lawrence Island, only 38 miles from Siberia, but 200 miles from Nome. Leonard says, "I wish to associate myself with the church and take part in it in preparing for adult life...and to advance myself in the field I am interested in." Leonard is specializing in Business Education.

James Vaden, although a native of Oregon, came to S.J. from Anchorage where he has lived for several years. James hopes to be a mining engineer. He says, "It will take much time and a lot of study but I think in the long run it will be worth it."

Two of our freshmen women came to SJ after graduating at Sitka High - Allison Armstrong and Irene Jones. Allison says,

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KSEW

THE VOICE OF SHELDON JACKSON PROVIDES VALUABLE WORK EXPERIENCE

One of the advantages of attending Sheldon Jackson Junior College is the work program. Opportunities are provided for students to explore various areas of employment, with an eye to selecting future vocations. At KSEW four students are working in various areas of Commercial Broadcasting.

Larry Shearer, who began his work at the station as a high school senior, now in junior college, is employed by the station as an announcer for 20 hours a week. He also works as record librarian at KSEW on the work program.

Florence Milne, sophomore, works as a typist with particular responsibility for continuity and keeping the announcers' book fresh. She has spent some time writing program opening and closing continuity.

Allison Armstrong, freshman, is acting as traffic clerk. In addition to typing the daily program log, she has opportunities to study programing and scheduling some of the commercials.

Jim Bilen, freshman, came to Sheldon Jackson partly because of the opportunity of working at KSEW. He is receiving training as a staff announcer, and as part of his school work program will act as a member of the station's announcing staff.

Ray Holt, sophomore, worked at KSEW during his freshman year. This year he is employed part time as announcer.

KSEW makes two hours of time available to the school on a non-commercial basis. Now that Sheldon Jackson is a member of the National Association of Educational Broadcasters, it is hoped that programing from that organization will be carried during that time.

As a contribution to this program, KSEW chief announcer, Birt Hilson, is producing and directing a series of programs on the Life and Accomplishments of Abraham Lincoln. As a part of their work program Bob and Ray Holt are working on the production of this show.

The unique relationship between the station and the school is made possible because both institutions are owned by the Board of National Missions of the United Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A. The

radio station is operated on a commercial basis and students employed by it are paid at a rate in keeping with Alaska State Employment Laws.



Larry Shearer (above) and James Bilen at KSEW

CAMPUS NEWS

On October 5th and 6th the S.J. campus was honored by a visit from DR. WALTER A. SOBOLEFF, class of '28, now minister of the Memorial Presbyterian Church in Juneau. Dr. Soboleff spoke Sunday and Monday evenings to S.J. staff on Thlinget culture. The faculty of Mt. Edgecumbe and Sitka High schools were invited and after the question period, refreshments were served during a time of fellowship. Dr. Soboleff also spoke to the entire student body at two chapel services.

In memory of Miss Janet Breckenridge, former staff member, friends in New York have given a Memorial Fund to the Yaw Library. This fund will be used to purchase books as a memorial to Miss Breckenridge who especially appreciated the S.J. library.

High School Students from Michigan and Washington

The states to the south of us have sent a number of students to Sheldon Jackson this year. In the high school department there are three girls who live in North Pacific Hall.

Beth Ann Crow, a junior, came to us from Camden, Michigan. She heard about Sheldon Jackson Junior College this summer while vacationing with her parents in Fairbanks. Seeing an "Alayeksa", our school annual, led her to write to the school for information. Beth plays a clarinet in the band. She likes basketball but would rather spend the time outdoors - hiking.

Joan Gentala, also a junior, from Auburn, Washington, came to the campus in July when her parents moved to a logging camp near Sitka. She plays a flute in the band and sings in the choir. She also plays the piano. Joan is enthusiastic about Sheldon Jackson. She thinks the school offers many more opportunities than a public school.

Lana Mirich gives her state-side address as Woodenville, Washington. Last year she transferred to Sheldon Jackson for her senior year. Lana sings in the choir. She likes to draw and write letters. Although she finds it different from living in a home while attending school, she likes dormitory life and thinks it is fun.

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an average age of 16.4. The average age of freshmen is 15; sophomores 16; juniors 17 and seniors 18.

These are clear indications that within a period of thirty years, Alaskan young people have become aware of the advantages of higher education in preparing themselves for opportunities that are ahead in the development of the new state.

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highly recommended by his teachers and minister. He is a pleasant young man, co-operative in all phases of the work. He acts as relief supervisor in the older boys' dorm.

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"I am a PK - preacher's kid - but unlike most PK's, I am very happy with my role." Allison was born in Fairbanks, but has lived in both Anchorage and Juneau before coming to Sitka. She is active in the church, has attended Youth Synod and taught Bible School. She plans to major in education when she attends senior college. Irene has lived all her life in Sitka, plans to work as a secretary and wants to travel.

Nancy Redekopp, Juneau High, class of '59, came to S.J. on the recommendation of her minister, a former staff member. Nancy hopes to become an airline stewardess.

Nadine Squartsoff of Kodiak says, "I chose to attend SJJC for the fact that the school considers Christian ideals important in the lives of young citizens; the school is small, closer to home than others, offers training in commercial arts; fees are less expensive." Nadine plans to use her commercial training when she leaves junior college.

From Portland, Oregon, Bev Alexander decided that she wanted to attend a small school and chose S. J. because it is a Presbyterian school. "I believe Alaska will continue to intrigue me throughout my life," says Bev. She hopes to teach in the small village schools in Alaska before going on to further university work.

Jim Bilen of Lima, Ohio, is another student for whom we have high hopes as he plans eventually to attend McCormich Seminary and "tell man the message of God's love....and become such a complete disciple of Christ that I will not only know His Will but also fulfill it."

Morris Kiyutelluk comes from Shishmaref, which is on a little island only 3 1/2 miles long, population 150. Morris says, "if my plans work out right, I will be studying to be a teacher."

CAMPUS NEWS

A major remodeling job during the summer was the wash and shower room of STEVENSON HALL. Ceramic tile on the floor and marlite on the ceilings and walls made of an old room a thing of beauty. An automatic hand dryer and a metered clothes dryer give the girls added conveniences.



Aerial view of the Sheldon Jackson campus on the beautiful Crescent. The new staff homes on the hill and those along the route to Totem Park to the right are not in the picture.

The Christian Education Program

"Competent Christian Citizens" is our motto at Sheldon Jackson Junior College and the Christian Education Department endeavors to carry out through program and activities, the objectives of the school as well as those of the Board of National Missions.

The student body represents several denominations. In the high school department we find:

Presbyterian	49.0%
Methodist	8.5
Moravian	7.5
Russian Orthodox	7.5

Salvation Army accounts for 4% while Episcopalian, Baptist and Roman Catholic are each represented by 3.3%; 10% of the students indicate no religious preference. Of the students in junior college, 85% are Presbyterian.

Weekday mornings the campus family begins the day with worship in chapel. The services are led by staff members, often assisted by students, by religious leaders in town, and when possible, by visitors on our campus.

Westminster Fellowship groups meet each Sunday evening in the auditorium for "Singspiration." They then divide into groups which meet at five campus homes for discussion and fellowship. One group is using this period for learning one act plays appropriate to the W.F. theme. After each nine weeks the groups will shift so that one sponsor will not have the same group all year.

Students are encouraged to lead groups in their dormitories for a period of daily devotions. This is an opportunity for witnessing to fellow classmen as well as helping to develop consistent personal devotional habits.

Within the outreach program, the Gospel Team helps with services at the Pioneer Home. Several junior college students are helping with the Tuesday evening fellowship groups at Mt. Edgecumbe and with the Christian Education of children in the Public Health Service Hospital. Again this year the Gospel Team is selling Christmas cards to raise funds for a special speaker for Spiritual Emphasis Week.

Through program, activities, counseling and personal devotions we are striving

to enrich the spiritual life on campus. We invite you to join with us in prayer that our Christian community may truly grow in faith and in the grace of God as we strive to help each student and staff member to grow in his commitment to Christ!



Miss "Billie" Smith, Christian Education director at Sheldon Jackson Junior College, came to Sitka from Minneapolis, Minnesota. Miss Smith is a native of New York State, near Schenectady. She received a bachelor's degree from Cornell and a master's in religious education at Princeton Theological Seminary. At the time of graduation, she accepted a position with the Board of National Missions as Sunday School Missionary in southwestern Montana. More recently, Miss Smith has served as Director of Religious Education at the First Presbyterian Church of Helena, Montana, and Hope Presbyterian Church of South Minneapolis.

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is taken whenever possible. Reading materials, housed in the Sheldon Jackson Library, are furnished from the mail-order lending library of pamphlets and books dealing with family problems of all sorts.

Wider opportunities of service are being offered through the Alaska Council of Churches and the Alaska Association of Children's Institutions. Through these organizations it is possible to promote better adoption legislation, more adequate service for unmarried mothers, house-parent education and other means of bettering the care given children throughout Alaska.

CAMPUS NEWS

The S.J. Family welcomed back DEAN KOSCHMANN and his family after an absence of eight months. The time spent poring over the latest in educational methods will prove profitable in Mr. Koschmann's work at Sheldon Jackson in the years to come.

MRS. ROBERT SIMPSON, formerly head of the Art Department, although taking a year's leave of absence, is teaching a junior college art class and a community art class one evening a week. Mr. Russell Braun is teaching the high school art classes.

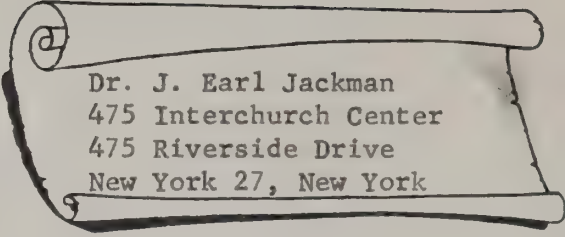
Two "blessed events" mark the early fall, A baby boy, Daniel Jesse, to MR. and MRS. ROY HOOPER, and Matthew Scott, the first child of MR. and MRS. HUGH KYLE. Mrs. Hooper was formerly the school nurse; Roy is on the maintenance staff. Mr. Kyle is supervisor of H.M.H. and teaches college chemistry.

The ADVISORY COMMITTEE of Sheldon Jackson Junior College will meet on campus October 27th and 28th. One of the most vital points under discussion will be the plans which are now in process for the student union building. When these have been finalized and approved VERSTOVIAN readers will be given further detailed information on the project. Attending the meeting also will be Miss Katherine E. Gladfelter and Miss Betty Isbister, both of the New York office.

DAVID HENRY, 45 years of age, who for several years was nightwatchman on campus, passed away in his sleep early Monday morning, September 28. Interment was in his home village of Yakutat.

Dean Fred Koschmann will attend the Alaska Principals' and Superintendents' meeting in Anchorage during October. After the meetings he will be calling on guidance personnel and junior and senior students in the high schools of Kenai, Kodiak, Homer, Wasilla, Palmer, Seward, Glen Allen, Valdez, Cordova and Juneau. The opportunities for education at Sheldon Jackson Junior College will be his story.

Southeast Alaska Basketball Tournament for 1960 will be played at Mt. Edgecumbe gymnasium with Sheldon Jackson Junior College acting as host to the visiting



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teams. There are several additions to the league this year: Skagway, Metlakatla and Craig. This is a tremendous undertaking for our facilities, but we cheerfully take our turn as host to the Tournament.

THE DUPLEX for two staff couples on "the hill" is a completed project that we are proud of since our own men did most of the work. With the completion last spring of two Pan-a-bodes in the same area, "the hill" has become well populated.

THE WHITWORTH-SHELDON JACKSON SUMMER SCHOOL will be held in 1960-1961. It is anticipated that the dates will be June 16 to July 17. Dean Koschmann will visit Whitworth in December while representing S.J. at the Northwest Association meeting.

Recently DR. ARMSTRONG traveled to Anchorage to officiate with Rev. Frank Walkup at the wedding of Marilyn Atwood and Marvin Cole, solemnized in the First Presbyterian Church. Dr. Armstrong took this opportunity to visit superintendents and principals of the high schools of Palmer and Wasilla, making known the program and opportunities of the Junior College. He attended a two day session of the Delegate Assembly of the Alaska Educational Association, also. The discussion centered around policies on the certification of teachers and problems connected with the child in the public school system. Dr. Armstrong was given an opportunity to present the work of Sheldon Jackson, to distribute material on the program of financing an education and to explain the curriculum development and growth of SJJC.

Night School for the benefit of the community at large, is in full swing. Typing, shorthand and art are taught with an enrollment of more than twenty adults.

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The Junior College and The Community College

Sheldon Jackson Junior College has an enrollment of 114 this year. Of this number twenty-three are full time students carrying twelve or more semester hours.

These students are working towards one of four degrees offered by Sheldon Jackson; Associate in Arts, Associate in Science, Associate in Arts in Business Education and Associate of Science in Health and Welfare. Upon completion of their freshman and sophomore years the majority of these students will transfer their credit hours to a four-year college or university towards completion of a more specialized degree.

Students transferring from S.J.J.C. have been accepted in colleges and universities across the nation. Their record in these schools attests to the high academic training received at Sheldon Jackson. These high standards are met through the aid of well trained and dedicated instructors who spend long hours giving individual aid to students in need of extra help. Because of the small classes, Sheldon Jackson is able to concentrate on individual instruction rather than mass education.

The growing physical plant of Sheldon Jackson Junior College is graced by Yaw Building, a new classroom and library, and Condit House, a modern, attractive dormitory. It is anticipated that next summer construction will begin on a new student union and dining hall.

Full time J.C. students are as varied as their courses. Billy Leavitt, an Eskimo, comes from Barrow, Alaska; and Christian Garsault, a French citizen, comes to S.J. from his home in South America. Other states represented, besides Alaska, are Ohio, Iowa, Washington and California.

Sheldon Jackson Community College has an enrollment of ninety-one students carrying one to eleven hours.

The Community College is made up of students from all walks of local community

life. They are laborers, doctors, fishermen, businessmen, housewives. Some are working towards definite college degrees while others are simply trying to broaden their appreciation of certain subjects.

The Community College and the Junior College are closely intertwined. Many of the courses offered in the evening are attended by full time J.C. students. These courses include such subjects as chemistry, college math, typing, appreciation of music, sociology, conversational Japanese, Russian, art appreciation, clothing construction and New Testament Greek.

It is the goal of Sheldon Jackson to keep up the intellectual development of the surrounding community to maintain pace with its rapid technical and industrial development. With the growth of the local pulp industry, new people have poured into Sitka. Many of these have shown a strong interest in furthering their education, and Sheldon Jackson has steadily increased its facilities to meet these new demands.



Group of JC students who live on campus and are enrolled for the regular JC courses.

The High School

Alaska, California, Washington -- States all represented at Sheldon Jackson. This year education for young people at Sheldon Jackson High School widens its scope, reaching for its students far into the north of Alaska, westward along the Alaska Peninsula and St. Lawrence Island, and as far south as Washington and California.

The natives of Alaska have not forgotten that Sheldon Jackson School was originally established to serve them. Therefore, Alaska is well represented with students from fifty communities:

Southeast	48.1%
Interior	24.8
Westward	29.3
Arctic	5.3

while from the "South 48" comes 2.3% of our student body.

Religiously, we are more cosmopolitan than ever this year, having:

Presbyterian	53	Baptist	2
Protestant	12	Assembly of God	1
Methodist	10	Covenant	1
Moravian	8	Church of Christ	1
Salvation Army	6	Russian Orthodox	12
Lutheran	3	Roman Catholic	6
Episcopal	3	Undecided	15

This lends religious flavor to our program of higher learning in this Christian atmosphere.

The staff and returning students are very pleased to welcome some forty new additions to this unique family, representing

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NEWS

Alice Ahmaogak, high school class of '59, became Mrs. Robert A. Glen on September 5th. The ceremony took place at the farthest north Presbyterian Church at Barrow. They are reported as having visited at Mr. Glen's parents in Nebraska, later traveling to California.

Gloria Loewe, high school class of '60, was married to Michael L. McNamara on September 18th. They are residing in Annette until Michael completes his tour of duty with the Coast Guard, after which Mr. and Mrs. McNamara plan to live in Rochester, New York.

A host of friends from S.J., Mt. Edgecumbe and Sitka attended a lovely wedding at the First Presbyterian Church on August 15th when Kathy Lott, high school class of '60, became Mrs. Fred Hope. Kathy and Fred are living in Sitka and Kathy is enjoying her new role as housewife. Both Kathy and Fred became members of the First Presbyterian Church on World Communion Sunday, October 2nd.

News received recently from Cape Pole revealed the fact that Beverly Alexander, junior college freshman 59-60, and Keith Walter Plotner, junior college class '60, were united in marriage in Ketchikan by the Rev. Paul Moser. Mrs. Plotner's home was in Portland, Oregon and Mr. Plotner originally came from Washington.

Walter Fries, last year Fraser Hall Housefather, returned with a bride from his home in Vermont. Joan and Walter are making their home in North Cottage.

The best wishes of the entire staff go to all of these newlyweds.

Frank Latta, director of guidance and counseling, is on educational leave until March 1961. At the University of Washington he is taking advanced work in Abnormal Psychology, a course pertaining to the Exceptional Child, and a course in Testing. This additional study will be valuable to Mr. Latta in his future work at Sheldon Jackson.



New Staff, 1960-61

We Welcome to S.J. ...

MR. and MRS. RAY BANE come from Wheeling, West Virginia. Last year Barbara taught in Huntington while Ray was finishing school at Marshall College. Barbara is a graduate of West Liberty State College. Besides being the supervisors of Condit House, Barbara directs the choir and the band and gives private piano lessons, while Ray teaches history and speech.

MISS CATHERINE CHURCH teaches in the Business Education Department and shares the responsibility of the school annual and campus newspaper. She is a graduate of Southwest Missouri State College in Springfield, her home town. For ten years she managed a gift shop at Estes Park, Colorado. With her sisters, for a while she owned a greeting card shop in Kansas City, where she taught.

PAUL DUNCAN, a new member of the staff is not a newcomer to the school. He did construction work on campus during the summers of '58 and '59. He is a graduate of Blackburn College, where he met his wife Dorothy. Last year he taught in Joliet, Illinois. Interested in studying languages, he has pen pals in several countries.

Before coming to S.J., JEROME GRESHAM taught in Atlanta, Georgia - in high school during the day and in Dimery Business College evenings. A graduate of Allen University, he is a member of Alpha Kappa Mu, National Scholastic Honorary Society. He is working for his master's degree at Teachers College, Columbia University.

The HOWARTHS, supervisors of Home Missions Hall, come from Hartsville, Pa. Carl was a salesman of heavy road equipment, having graduated from the Wharton School, University of Pennsylvania, and the American Institute of Banking. He was an elder in his church and served two and a half years in the Pacific with the Air Force. Marjory graduated from Marywood College in Scranton. She had been Training Director and was, prior to coming to Sheldon Jackson, Personnel Director in Gimbel's Philadelphia Store. Carl is in charge of recreation.

MISS VIRGINIA MEREDITH, from Poplar Bluff, Missouri, teaches English and sponsors school radio programs over KSEW. She is a graduate of State College at Cape Girardeau, Missouri, and has a master's degree from Miami University in Ohio. She spent three years at Miami as Head Resident and half-time teacher of English and three years at Moody Bible Institute. In '59 she attended summer school at the University of London, England, and the past summer a radio-TV workshop in New York City.

MISS MARCIA MEYER was graduated in June from Iowa State Teachers College. Her field is Home Economics. She comes from a hundred sixty acre farm in Grundy Center, Iowa, where corn is the main crop. She has spent several summers working with the coal miners in Pennsylvania, the migrants in California and the Sioux Indians in South Dakota.

RICHARD PLATT, from Boulder, Colorado, was an enlisted man in the U.S. Navy 1948-50. The next four years he attended Colorado State College in Greeley. He spent the next three years as an Air Force pilot with SAC. After teaching chemistry two years at the University of Colorado and doing a year's research in bio-chemistry there, he came to Sheldon Jackson to teach chemistry, physics and mathematics. Mrs. HELEN PLATT, a graduate of LaSalle-Peru Junior College and Wheaton College, has taught in Illinois, Oklahoma, South Dakota, Colorado, and in Haines City, Florida. They were married in Haines City. At SJ she is teaching girls' physical education.

MISS CATHERINE L. RUSSELL teaches art and weaving. She was graduated in June from Ohio University, where she played the cello in the college symphony orchestra. Her home is in Sidney, Ohio. The past three summers she was water front director in a camp in Cleveland, Ohio. Although interested in poetry and classical music, she enjoys sports.

MR. and MRS. ELSON SIMS come from Champaign-Urbana, Illinois. Ruth worked in the Serials Department of the University of Illinois Library. Elson was associated with the McKinley Foundation, the Presbyterian Student Center for University of Illinois students. Both like to hike and are interested in nature photography. At S.J. Ruth is the librarian and Elson is on the maintenance staff.

MRS. ELLA MAE WALTERS, from Danville, Illinois, is housemother to forty boys in Fraser Hall. She was married eighteen

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Summer Work Campers

Fifteen students from schools and universities throughout the U.S. were ambassadors for Christ this year in many southeastern communities. After teaching Vacation Bible Schools for two months, they came to Sheldon Jackson to participate in a two-week summer work camp - and what a work camp it was!

Only a month before school was to open, and jobs waiting to be completed all over the place! The arrival of this splendid group of workers was the answer to the problem: Carol Bowers from Southern Methodist; Constance Craig, Colorado State; Margaret Fischer, Iowa State Teachers; Margaret Grimes, Wilson College, Pa.; Virginia Kibbe, Lewis and Clark; Carol Lowden, Ohio State U; Lenner Montgomery, North Texas State; Catherine Myers, Kansas U; Judith Treece, Ohio State; Audrey Wendlandt, Whitworth College; Margaret Mead, Indiana U; Irvin Rubicam, West Chester, (Pa.) State; Barbara Bowen, Sweet Briar; Christine Koller, Switzerland; Ronda Stilley, Auke Bay, Alaska. Chaplain Boyd, and Jana, the daughter of Col. Ashley Jameson of Elmendorf Air Force Base, joined the group and worked with them. Chaplain Boyd led a devotional period each morning.

This enthusiastic group painted walls, varnished woodwork, touched up windows, laid new tile floors, varnished endless pieces of molding and painted the outside of six staff homes. It seemed to be an insurmountable job, but it was accomplished. Yet there was time for fun, too - climbing Verstovia, beach parties, and finally the big treat -- the Salmon Bake!



Summer Workers: left, Margaret Reed & Carol Lowden; right, Carol Bowers and Marge Grimes.

News

Donald Valesko, President, High School Student Council, and Hans Kihle, Treasurer, attended the Annual Convention of the Western Alaska Association of Student Councils in Anchorage on September 30 through October 1st. The theme of the convention was "The Power of Positive Student Government." The guest speaker, Mr. Gerald M. Van Pool, Assistant Secretary of the National Association of Student Councils, came to the Convention from Washington, D.C. Don led a discussion group on "How to Promote Better Interschool Relations." Both Don and Hans felt that this was a valuable experience, giving them an opportunity to exchange views with other students and to learn how other student councils carry on their programs. Through this exchange of ideas, improvements in student government should result.

Ambitious plans are going forward to present the MIKADO in the Allen Auditorium on November 11 when the Advisory Committee will be on campus. Mr. William Bullick and Mrs. Ray Bane are directing the production, which includes the complete choir. Some of the leading parts have been assigned to Wanda Kallman, Carol Jean Aceveda, Mary J. Crawford, Allison Armstrong, Sam Demmert, Felipe Tagaban, Billy Tegoseak and David Trump.

The Sitka and Glacier Bay National Monuments have released a 20-foot totem pole to be displayed in the Sheldon Jackson Museum. This is an original totem pole, copy of which stands at the entrance to Sitka National Monument.

Myrtle McKnight, former Home Ec teacher, writes that she arrived in Sidon, Lebanon on September 27th. She had not met her students at the time she wrote, but was finding everything new and interesting in her foreign surroundings.

Basketball begins with the Lions' Tournament on December 2nd and 3rd this year and from then on through to March the WARRIORS will be busy getting ready for the Tournament. In December the WARRIORS will have the privilege of playing at the opening of the new gym in Juneau.

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years. After her husband's death she went to Bryant and Stratton Business College in Chicago. She worked six years as a bookkeeper for General Tire Distributor and then decided to go into full-time Christian service. Mrs. Walters spent last year as a housemother at Haines House.



Student Union Progress Report

At the May meeting of the Sheldon Jackson Advisory Committee it was requested that a survey of the State be made in preparation for the Student Union Building Fund Campaign. This summer, in conjunction with a camping trip to serve dependent youth of the Air Force, Dr. Armstrong visited Fairbanks, Anchorage and Juneau. He interviewed many Alaskan business executives who were encouraging and helpful.

At the November meeting of the Advisory Committee some further plans will be explored. Miss Gladfelter is pressing for the appointment of a fund raiser who has had experience in Alaskan work. Glen Carson, Property Secretary, is authorizing an engineering survey of the site along with other projected site planning. These various facets of the plan for the Student Union are gradually taking shape and are bringing a greater awareness of Sheldon Jackson's number one need to all Alaskans.

Senator Bartlett

SENATOR E. L. "BOB" BARTLETT on a recent visit to campus spoke about the Founders Day ceremony at Union College last February 25th when he received an honorary L.L.D. Senator Bartlett was the principal speaker on this occasion marking the 165th anniversary of the charter of Union College and honoring a distinguished alumnus of 1855 - Sheldon Jackson, 19th century Presbyterian missionary to Alaska and founder of Sheldon Jackson School. Honored on the same occasion at Union College several years ago was William H. Seward, class of 1820, who effected the purchase of Alaska from Russia in 1867 while serving as Secretary of State.

FIVE BACK

Campus "Old Timers" were happy to see the five Verneys; Audrey, Bertha, Dorothy, Edward and Pat, visit Sheldon Jackson last month. They seemed to feel that great improvements had been made since the time they attended school in the 1940's, and were pleased with what they saw.

Christian Education

In 1960-61, as in the previous 80 years at Sheldon Jackson, every student is encouraged to respond to the claim of Jesus Christ on his or her life. Through the use of many planned activities, the Christian Education Department under the direction of Miss Agnes K. Smith seeks to emphasize the importance of this phase of education at Sheldon Jackson. Eleven Sunday School classes for high school students and one for junior college meet on campus each Sunday morning prior to the Sunday morning worship service at the First Presbyterian Church. Six Westminster Fellowship groups in the high school division and one college group meet each Sunday evening at the homes of their sponsors. A select group of W.F. members is working on specific Gospel Team projects. Proceeds from the sale of Christmas cards will be used to bring in a speaker and to support the program for Spiritual Emphasis Week, January 29 to February 3, 1961. High School students at Sheldon Jackson attend chapel each morning and each formitory closes the day with a short devotional period before lights out.

In the daily contacts between student and staff, whether it be in the classroom, in the gym, in the work program or elsewhere, it is the constant witness for Our Lord that is the important part of life at Sheldon Jackson.

A Prayer for Thanksgiving

O God, by whose hand all living things are made, and by whose blessing they are nourished and sustained: We give Thee hearty thanks for all the bounties of Thy providence, wherewith Thou hast enriched our life; and we humbly pray that enjoying Thy gifts and contentment, we may be enabled by Thy grace to use them to Thy praise. Especially we thank Thee for Thy great love in sending Thy Son to be the Saviour of the world, and in calling us out of our sins into fellowship with Him; and we beseech Thee to grant us always Thy Holy Spirit, through whom we may grow continually in thankfulness toward Thee, as also into the likeness of Thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Book of Common Worship

A Wrestling Club has been organized this year for the first time and several promising members are learning the intricate techniques of this popular sport.

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The Voice of Sheldon Jackson

Radio Station KSEW in cooperation with the Music and English Departments of Sheldon Jackson Junior College sponsors two programs of interest to the community of Sitka. The Music Department, under the direction of Mrs. Bane, takes active responsibility for College Concert. Mrs. Bane works with David Trump, college sophomore, in the production of this program. Miss Meredith and her college communications class prepare a program of news from the three high schools in the Sitka area - Mt. Edgecumbe, Sitka, and Sheldon Jackson. This program of high school interest is broadcast on Friday afternoons just before Totem Jamboree - the high school request program. Larry Peterson, college freshman, is the Disc Jockey for this program. Mary Ellen Hall, college freshman, works in the Program Department of the Station, handling routine typing and traffic operations.

During October, Mr. John Groller, Associate Director for the Division of Radio and Television of the United Presbyterian Church, will conduct a workshop for the staff on the Sheldon Jackson campus. The workshop will feature broadcasts of programs produced on various Radio Stations throughout the country, with emphasis on Educational Programming in the Tradition of the National Association of Educational Broadcasters, of which Sheldon Jackson Junior College is an associate member. Mr. Groller will also work with staff members on an individual basis to help them plan programs in their individual fields for later broadcast on KSEW.

A new transmitter is in process of being installed in the studios of KSEW. When in operation, the station hopes to increase its effective coverage in the native villages in Southeast Alaska. Target date for operation of the transmitter is the end of October.

Miss Agnes K. Smith, Director of Christian Education, has been writing and announcing a brief three-minute devotional program called, "A Moment of Inspiration" at noon each day for the past three months. She marked her 100th consecutive broadcast on Monday, October 9th. Dr. Armstrong is working with the station staff looking forward to producing a series of short announcements designed to promote attendance at Morning Worship Services of local churches.

Betty Ann Isbister
Interchurch Center
475 Riverside Drive
New York 27, N. Y.



Sophomores



Freshmen

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many cultures and racial groups. We paint a beautiful picture, racially:

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|---------------------------|-------|
| Indian (Indian and White) | 42.9% |
| White                     | 20.3  |
| Eskimo (Eskimo and White) | 19.5  |
| Aleut (Aleut and White)   | 17.3  |

The students have "thankfully" observed many improvements in the physical plant of the school this year, and they are happy to see the school "keep in stride" with the growing 49th State.

Our 32 freshmen, 43 sophomores, 28 juniors and 30 seniors (43.6% in the junior and senior classes) look forward to a successful year academically, religiously and socially in their multi-cultured, inter-racial atmosphere at Sheldon Jackson.

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SAM DEMMERT, junior college sophomore, is acting as assistant dorm proctor in Fraser Hall. Sam is carrying a full class schedule and is working for his degree in Health and Welfare. Although Sam lives in Fraser Hall he participates in all activities of the junior college at Condit House.

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Sheldon Jackson Junior College enrolls 55 - and 40 in the Community College Division

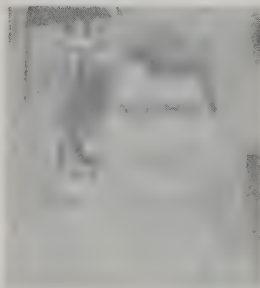
With the largest enrollment in its history, Sheldon Jackson Junior College is looking forward to an increasing program in the future. Condit House, the college dormitory, is filled to capacity with men outnumbering the women almost two to one.

About half the students come from Southeast Alaska, from Metlakatla to Yakutat; from the Interior as far north as Barrow and from Westward in the Kodiak area. There are students from Pennsylvania, Arizona, Japan, Jordan, Africa and Puerto Rico. Thirteen graduated from Sheldon Jackson High School last May. There is no segregation problem. They all work together in harmony, good fellowship and a fine Christian spirit.

Freshman initiation was real fun this year. The sophomores decreed that each freshman would carry a brick inscribed with his name for one week. If a sophomore found the brick not being carried he could demand a personal service of the freshman. Before the week was out sophomores were well pressed, shoes shined to a mirror-like polish and were waited upon and completely spoiled. The high point of the week came Friday evening at the huge bonfire for which the freshmen gathered fuel. At a program which followed in the auditorium many unusual and fine talents were discovered among the freshmen,

whose final victory was auctioning off the sophomores.

Each Sunday evening at 9:30 students may be found in the comfortable lounge indulging in a "bull" session with the Reverend Don Gordon, College Chaplain. Topics discussed may cover a variety of subjects: religion politics, life - whatever appeals to the group. It is a time of serious discussion as well as fellowship and fun bringing the group together in an informal atmosphere.



Dorm Mother at Condit House

Mrs. Ruth Bodner came to Condit House in January 1962 from Oil City, Pennsylvania where she worked in a bank and was an active member of her church. She loves each member of her big family, counseling them, admonishing and encouraging them. Students find a cheerful welcome in her little apartment. It is a real home to them away from home.



College students from "Outside"

Sheldon Jackson Junior College is especially proud and happy to welcome students from outside Alaska. Gloria Wellington of the Pima Indian group, after attending 2nd semester last year, returned this fall, bringing her cousin, Vanita Brown. Gloria came to SJJC from Duchesne, Utah, but had attended Pueblo High School in Phoenix where Vanita graduated last year. Gloria is Miss Houk's assistant in Stevenson Hall.

Josephine Moikobu comes from Nairobi, East Africa. She completed her high school education at a large Seventh Day Adventist Mission High School in Kampala, Uganda, a city larger than Anchorage. She was one of five girls in a large student body of boys. The high school serves Uganda, Kenya, and Tanganyika. Josephine's home is on a plantation where her father grows coffee, tea, fruits, vegetables, greens and pyrethrum which is used for scientific purposes. Her home is located in the highlands where the climate is tropical. Last year Josephine came to the Palmer High School, later attended the Anchorage Community College. She is enjoying her experience as a junior college freshman at SJJC.

Ichirou Sawa from Osaka, Japan is a congenial, serious minded student who is anxious to learn the English language and hopes to earn a B.A. in business administration before he returns to his own country. While attending Kyoto University of Foreign Studies last year, he worked for a construction company to earn money to make it possible to come to America. He then proceeded by bus to Seattle and again by ship to Sitka. He has made a host of friends in the community, but he, like all the other students, is always looking for letters from home.

Another student from faraway is Muheer Aown of Bethlehem, Jordan. Last summer Muheer met Arthur Garrett of Skagway who persuaded him to come to Sheldon Jackson Junior College and helped finance the trip. Muheer was born in Jerusalem but in 1948

moved to Bethlehem where his beloved family lives. Students in Jordan are urged to enter the fields of engineering and Muheer hopes to become a civil engineer and build a great orphanage.

Bob Blair of Johnstown, Pennsylvania is a minister's son. Bob attended Grove City last year, but his father, a classmate of Dr. Armstrong, persuaded him to come to Sheldon Jackson. He has made many friends here and his big project at the moment is managing the student center which has been opened for the college students. Here they can enjoy their leisure time and eat hamburgers and drink cokes to their fill. If he likes Alaska well enough, Bob may decide to transfer to the University of Alaska next year.

Another minister's son in the group is Stephen Hilson. Originally from Michigan, Steve finished high school in Puerto Rico where his father has a church. Music is his favorite and his fine tenor voice is a decided asset to the choir. Steve is Student Dorm Proctor at Fraser Hall.

J.B. Phillips is the senior member of the group, having a wife and child. J was in the service last year having completed high school previously in Arizona. His father being employed at Mt. Edgecumbe accounts for his coming to SJJC. J and his family do not live on campus but participate in as many activities as possible.

News

Senator Gruening, Bartlett and Secretary of State Hugh Wade have been recent visitors at campus.

Sheldon Jackson students and staff are being surveyed by President Armstrong for Newsweek on the Cuban situation as it relates to the November elections.

Reynolds A. Young, Regional Sanitarian for the Department of Health and Welfare will return to campus at the time of the official opening of the swimming pool. He states that everything is in order. He is very pleased with the progress.

Sheldon Jackson Schools salute Robert L. Bennett, Area Director of the Bureau of Indian affairs for having been chosen "Indian of the Year." This is a well deserved honor.

SPIRITUAL EMPHASIS WEEK will be held the week of November 11th. The Reverend Roland Rosson of the Presbyterian Church in Skagway will be the leader. Each year

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NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY INSTALLS NEW MEMBERS



The Verstovia Chapter of the National Honor Society at Sheldon Jackson High School installed new members in an impressive ceremony in Allen Auditorium on Friday, September 28. Faculty sponsors, Gladys Whitmore, Jerome Gresham, Paul Duncan and Elizabeth Peters each presented one of the four cardinal principles of the National Honor Society: character, scholarship, leadership and service. Edward Rosevear, director of the SJ choir, sang "O Give Thanks Unto the Lord" by La Forge. Mary Jane Angasan, senior, charter member of the Verstovia Chapter, introduced Dean Fred Koschmann who spoke on "The Value of Scholarship." Graduate members attending the ceremony were Kathy Mixsooke and Danny Craig, junior college freshmen, Alex Panamaroff and Leona Simmonds were unable to attend. Principal Frank Latta led the new members in the National Honor Society pledge. Elizabeth Peters conducted the candle ceremony with charter members lighting their candles from hers and new members lighting theirs from those of the charter members. Mrs. Frank Latta played the organ processional. The Rev. Mr. Gordon pronounced the benediction.

Charter members are Mary Jane Angasan, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Trefon Angasan, Sr. of South Naknek and Norma Gronholdt, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Peter Gronholdt of Sand Point.

New members include: Marjorie Anderson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Anderson, Bethel; Gail Clendenen, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Larry Clendenen, Clam Gulch; Pixie Fitch, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Fitch, Sitka; Sharon Gronholdt, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Gronholdt, Sand Point; Rich Hastings, son of Mr. and Mrs. A.C. Hastings, Jr., Bow, Washington; Jack Sackett, son of Mrs. L. V. Lawrence, Huslia; Marcia Thorson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Thorson, Dillingham; Billy Tegoseak, son of Mr. and Mrs. Reuben Tegoseak, Fairbanks; and Kay Wallis of Fairbanks. ■



Faculty sponsors of the National Honor Society pictured above are Paul Duncan, French and Social Sciences; Jerome Gresham, English; Frank Latta, high school principal; Elizabeth Peters, Math; and Gladys Whitmore, Science.

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students and staff look forward to this week which is set aside for special emphasis on spiritual life on the campus.

On October 30th the Sheldon Jackson Advisory Committee will meet on campus. New members are the Rev. Robert Hartness of the Presbyterian Church in Metlakatla and Mrs. David Crawford of Petersburg. These new members replace Rev. Malcolm Sweet, now in Colorado and John Borbridge whose duties in Juneau made his membership impossible.

Did you know that "Stevenson Hall" was built by Mr. and Mrs. J. Milton Colton in memory of their aunt Miss Caroline Stevenson of Abington, Pennsylvania?

Chester Latta and Laurence Doig have a crew of college age men helping them at the saw mill.

Hunting season has brought its rewards. "Swede" Nelson of the college, accompanied by Bob Blair carried in two choice deer for a venison feed at Condit House.

New Schedule in the High School

Both students and staff express satisfaction with the new schedule and changes in course offerings in the High School Department. In an earlier Verstovian the new type of schedule was mentioned; now it is possible to report how it works. The day is divided into four periods of two hours each: two periods in the morning and two in the afternoon. Each class meets three times a week, similar to college classes. For instance, U.S. History meets the first period on Monday and Wednesday and for the first hour of the same period on Friday. Chemistry meets on Tuesday and Thursday of each week and one hour on Friday. In other words every class meets for one hour on Fridays. After the leisurely pace of the other four days, students and teachers find Fridays busy and rushed.

There are definite advantages to this type of schedule. Teachers have time to give more individual help in the classroom; material can be covered more thoroughly and students have time to complete something they have started. It gives ample time for research during study periods in the library and two hours of study without interruption. The longer periods offer many advantages in classes such as Home Economics, Shop, Chemistry, Biology and Book-keeping. Many students are enthusiastic about the longer periods - they seem to go as quickly as the 55 minute periods did formerly.

If you were to visit Sage Building you would be likely to hear a class repeating French. A two-year-in-one French course this year will prepare some students for the third year. Paul Duncan perfected his French in Tours, France, this summer and teaches through the Audio-Lingual Method. A new Language Laboratory adds to the excitement of learning a new language.

In the English room, three or four groups of students work together on a group project, guided by a student chairman. The group is graded as a whole with each student responsible for the work done in the group. A single member cannot fail to do his part for the entire group then suffers with a poor grade. The result is hardworking, enthusiastic groups.

Going from room to room is a pleasurable experience. In the Art room Miss Russell may be posing for her class or teaching

them to experiment with a new technique in sketching; Miss Peters giving individual help to an advanced math student; Mr. Lance with a group of seniors doing research on Government in the library; or Mr. Braun teaching boys to use their spare time to better advantage through Crafts projects in the Shop. Equally satisfying are the skills being taught by Mrs. Lance in Home Economics and by Miss Gray in the Commercial room. Miss Whitmore's friends would be delighted to see her using the new equipment and new textbooks which are a joy this year.

Back to Sage Building for a quick look at the History classes where there are TWO teachers. Mr. Paul Duncan and Mr. Don Gordon teach U.S. and World History together, a truly unique combination for each complements the other in presenting secular and religious events to the students in their logical sequence. No longer does the student learn Hebrew History in Bible class and then again at some other time in World History class. All events of History are presented in logical order including art and culture.

Band, choir and P.E. are the only classes meeting for an hour. If you have heard the choir, you will agree that good use is being made of that time. Mr. Rosevear directs the Music Department.

It is equally satisfying to see students learning good work habits through the work program. Under the direction of their supervisors the dorms are kept in excellent condition by the students. Supervised by Mr. Sims, students clean classrooms and buildings and keep the campus looking pretty.

Proof that they are meeting the challenge presented to them is demonstrated by a group of students who meet each Tuesday evening to discuss subjects ranging from college information to the European Common Market and its meaning for us. Directed by Mr. Duncan, Mr. Gordon and Mr. Latta, it is hard to tell who is the keenest thinker in the group as the discussions proceed on an adult level. "Our students are the best and we aim to give them the best," observes Principal Frank Latta. "That is why we are trying the new schedule. We think it provides more uninterrupted time for work and study." ■

Alaska Native Brotherhood

During the week of October 15th, the ANB convention in Sitka celebrated its 50th anniversary. Organized in Juneau in 1912, it was the brainchild of natives who had attended the Sitka Training School, now Sheldon Jackson Schools. The students had approached Dr. John McAfee, then on the Board of Home Missions, about their citizenship rights. When he asked them "What would you do with citizenship if it were given you?" the men realized they were not prepared for the rights and duties of citizenship. Since natives were not considered citizens and could not own property this was the motivating problem for organization. Citizenship was recognized through the efforts of the ANB and since that time it has been an organization ever watchful in behalf of native rights and progress. The issue of schools and education arose in 1918 and fish traps in 1920.

In a letter to Miss Whitmore on March 30, 1957, William L. Paul, Sr. states, "...The ANB is in reality the child of the Sitka Training School,..... This encouragement has continued with full force and effect everywhere. Our usual start for a meeting place has been the Presbyterian Church - Wrangell, Saxman, Ketchikan, Petersburg."

All through its 50 years the ANB has worked to bring out the best talents in the Native people. Its original founders, Frank Mercer, Frank Price, Ralph Young, Peter Simpson, Chester Worthington, James C. Johnson, George Field, Eli Katinook, Paul Liberty and Andrew J. Wanamaker will be memorialized in a Founders Plaque to be erected on the Sheldon Jackson campus and dedicated during the anniversary.

Pool being welded together before lowering into space

Cementing joints

Filling the pool and vacuuming under water

SWIMMING POOL AT S.J.

It takes a lot of people, machinery and money to build a swimming pool in Alaska. It is being done on the SJ campus. It all started with the Alaska Lumber and Pulp Mill crew and supervisors bringing their clam shell in to dig out the muskeg. After they had created a hole 40x75 the building crew ordered the trucks to roll with gravel and concrete.

The pool project is about two-thirds completed and about four weeks away from actual operation. The pool itself is finished. The water is in it; the filter is hooked up and the heat is ready to turn on. We are now awaiting the finishing of the pool house. This 31x71 building is attached to the gym-

nasium. In order to get 15 foot timbers for the walls and 34 foot truss material for the ceiling joists, the Sheldon Jackson sawmill has been pressed into action.

And how are the funds? By the time two-inch material is purchased for the ceiling, cement for the pool apron, plumbing for showers, etc., etc., another \$2500 to \$3000 will be needed to complete the project. Some revenue will be derived from the pool by a semester charge for swimming instruction. This income may be \$1700 to \$1900 a semester. It is possible that some of the building deficit may come from this money. If anyone is interested in giving an extra gift, may we suggest making out the check to Swimming Pool Fund, Sheldon Jackson. Your help will be appreciated.

Alumni News

Often we are asked about former students. We are always glad to hear about and from them and hope this will encourage many of them to contact us at Sheldon Jackson.

Allison Armstrong is now Mrs. Ralph Keef, lives in Calais, Maine.

Mrs. Gene Craig (Frances) still lives in Sitka, and her son, Danny, having graduated with the class of '62, is enrolled at SJJC.

Sam Demmert is working for the State Department of Health in the Division of Sanitation. Sam visits campus occasionally on his various trips to villages in southeast.

James Duncan and Mrs. Duncan, (Carol Jean Aceveda) are living in Seattle where James attends Seattle University.

Dave Trump is at Iowa State, Ames, Iowa.

Attending the University of Alaska are a number of SJ graduates including Andy Anderson, Katherine Chukan, Charles Clark, Jeff David, Jr., Mary Ann Rexford, Don Valesco and Irene Widmark.

Last spring Ray Holt graduated from Whitworth College and at this time is looking forward to graduation from U.S. Naval OCS in Newport, R.I. Ray hopes to be assigned to the West Coast. Bob Holt and wife, Marion are living in Metlakatla. They have two sons, Bobby and Timmy.

Enrolled at SJJC are Theo. Angasan, Mary Dee Butler, Jean Coalman, Danny Craig, Paul Dybdahl, Beverly Gale, James Leavitt, Katherine Mixsooke, Louise Porter, Karyn Rude, Leona Simmonds, Charles Williams and Anecia Yukaluk.

John Knutsen is attending college in Boston and Velma Kitka at the University of Washington.

Walter Goodwin and Inga are living in North Cottage. Walter is attending SJJC and is also our competent nightwatchman.

Judy Clarke is at Seattle Pacific.

We hope to include more alumni in a later issue. Send in the News.



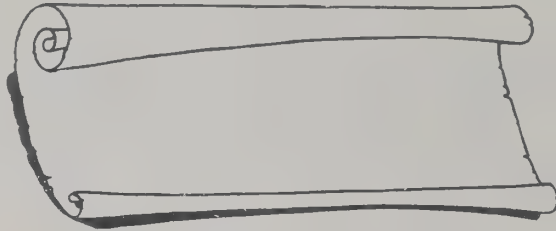
Louise Porter, JC freshman, checking files in the office. Louise works in the office ten hours a week on the work program.

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from The President's Desk

How can one explain progress? There should be a better way to visualize what has been accomplished than enumerating item upon item. There has been much progress since our last report to you.

First, let me express my appreciation for the wide acceptance of the VERSTOVIAN. Without the fine cooperation of many staff members we could not bring to you the wide variety of news. Particular thanks goes to our Editor, Mrs. Edith Harding.

Second, we note a progressive and driving spirit on the part of the student body. There seems to be pride in the campus, pride in the traditions of the school, pride in the progress being made. We are blessed by a growing spirit in the college department. This is an answer to prayer.

Third, we are sure that the future of the college and high school is assured by the increased enrollment and the new spirit engendered by Dr. Harry Stearns, the new Chairman of our Division in New York. His visit left no promises except cooperation but his spirit was contagious. He is positive and mission-minded.

Your deep concern for the school is appreciated. Hundreds have written letters with the money you have sent. You have told about your connection with Sheldon Jackson as alumni, as tourists or old National Missions friends. We have three months to go in this budget year and your help has been very evident in the scholarships we have been able to grant to young people. Your devotion encourages us to labour on!

R. Rolland Armstrong

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Sheldon Jackson



John G. Brady

R. Rolland Armstrong, President, Sheldon Jackson Schools, Looks at the Future in light of the Past

Eighty-five years ago John Brady and Miss Kellogg first walked the streets of Sitka. It was the opening of a new project for the Presbyterian Church. In addition to organizing the mission, Brady was to become an eloquent minister, a sharp merchant and powerful governor of Alaska. Miss Kellogg would soon become the wife of a recently appointed missionary to Wrangell, The Reverend S. Hall Young. She would watch and participate as he traveled the trail of '98 from Skagway to Whitehorse, to the new mining town of Fairbanks in 1904; and bid her husband farewell as he made his dog trek to the beaches of faroff Nome.

From the beginnings in the Sitka adventure John Brady felt he had been called to a great work. His awareness of the challenge permeated his letters to Dr. Sheldon Jackson. The future of the Sitka work was a combination of educational and spiritual guidance for the people. As the school work was organized he believed that the Sitka Training School, later Sheldon Jackson Institute and now Sheldon Jackson Junior College, had a great future.

A look at the years proved John Brady prophetic. From the classrooms have come ministers, teachers, social and political leaders. It was the organization of the Alaska Native Brotherhood which proved to be the most significant force in upholding native rights against encroachments and final liberation of the people from segregation. The honor roll of staff shows both longterm and short term employees. Many have served 18 to 20 years, while others have given two, three, five or ten years of active work. Each has brought new ideas and aided in the evolving program and philosophy of education.

The initial building on campus was an old cannery purchased with \$5,000 raised by Sheldon Jackson. The campus grouping built in 1911 cost the Board of National Missions approximately \$50,000. This included four dormitories, a class gymnasium combination known as Allen Building and a central heating plant. Since that time thousands of dollars have been spent on the renovation of the buildings (\$100,000); college classroom building \$100,000; college dormitory

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Four years at S.J.H.S. Mary Jane Angasan



Sheldon Jackson has come to mean much to graduating seniors, particularly to those who have been here four years.

One of my first impressions of Sheldon Jackson was the cleanliness and beauty of the campus; another was formulated when I came to know other students. Everyone was friendly though coming from various parts of Alaska and other states. We were all scared little freshmen at first discovering the world of high school. Most of us never having attended a boarding school had to learn new rules and regulations. We discovered a new world of learning and social life. It was my privilege to serve as class secretary and was fortunate in making the choir, giving me an opportunity to go on three choir trips. Girls' Athletic Association and Gospel Team were other activities I enjoyed.

Upon returning to S.J. our sophomore and following years we were always anxious to see old friends and to strike up new acquaintances.

Now in my last year, as I look over my past four years there are many fond memories. Chapels in the morning on weekdays have made a big impression on my life and I'm sure there are many other students who feel the same way. This year has been busy, but fun. Serving as secretary for the student council, secretary for my class, G.A.A. vice president, singing in the choir and the Senior Class Double Quartet; and participating in a discussion group, have helped me develop in many areas.

It is my hope to attend Blackburn University in Illinois next year to major in elementary education.

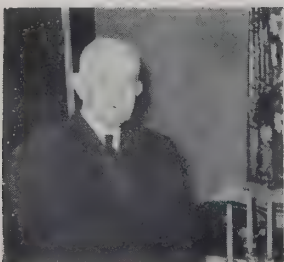


The Malaspina

It was a glorious day. Standing on the edge of the campus, the student body looked out over the Crescent toward the Pacific and saw the Malaspina tower over Castle Hill, behind "Cushing's Island" and into full view! The new motor ferry was a reality! Southeastern Alaska was now linked together from Prince Rupert, B. C. to the South, to Haines and Skagway on the north.

A trip through the ferry with a capacity of 500 passengers and 150 vehicles overawed the spectators. This is the first of three such marine-highway vessels to link the island empire together.

Recently President Armstrong traveled from Juneau to Skagway, then to Petersburg and Sitka on the new ship. He reminded listeners that this was a far cry from the Thlinget canoes and the crude sailing ships of the 1878 variety carrying Sheldon Jackson, Amanda McFarland, John Brady and a host of early missionaries. No longer is southeastern Alaska isolated from the rest of the state or the states to the south. Interested travelers may receive the schedule of all three ferries by writing to Division of Marine Transportation, Box 1361, Juneau, Alaska.



George Beck

George J. Beck, pioneer missionary of the Presbyterian Church in Southeast A-

laska, died in Ketchikan on February 5, 1963. He would have been 92 years old on March 31. Since 1895 when he came to teach carpentry at the Sitka Training School, Mr. Beck served as a missionary and teacher. On May 19, 1959 he received the Christian Citizenship Award from Sheldon Jackson Junior College. His son, George H. Beck, a member of the Sheldon Jackson Advisory Committee, has established the "George J. Beck Scholarship Fund, SJS" in memory of his father. Recently the school was asked, "Is this to be a permanent fund? Are friends of Rev. George Beck to continue to make memorial gifts?" George H. Beck said that he would make every effort to keep this fund alive and would invite others to participate.



**The M.V.
Anna
Jackman**

The Presbyterian Navy

Boat ministry has been part of the mission outreach of the Presbyterian Church in Southeast Alaska since the time in 1898 when Edward Marsden, a graduate of the Sitka School who had been ordained to the ministry in 1895, purchased the 36-foot steam launch "Marietta" for use in mission work. There were probably other ships including the "Lindsey" used by the Reverend Bromley in his work throughout Southeast in the early 1900's.

The "Princeton", named for a group of Princeton alumni who financed \$25,000 of the cost, was launched in Seattle in 1924. It served southeast Alaska until the fall of 1939 when it was wrecked on a reef in Lynn Canal.

A group of boys from the school procured the logs for the sawmill and helped construct the SJS which was launched in May 1937.

The "Princeton-Hall", a 64' 11" ship, built in the Howard Boat Shop in Sitka under the direction of Andrew Hope, was launched in 1941. Financed from proceeds of the former "Princeton", Hall was added to the name in recognition of the donor of \$10,000.

On January 4, 1942 the "Princeton-Hall" and the SJS were taken over to the Sitka Air Base where they were equipped for service as flagships of the Naval Patrol. Dick Nelson, the first skipper of the "Anna Jackman", went with the SJS. The Navy paid outright for these ships and then sold them back to the Board of National Missions at the depreciated value.

The present school boat, the "SJS II" was launched in February 1943. Before the advent of the airplane, the school boat was used to bring students to school and return them to their villages in the spring. In the



**Commence-
ment
Speaker**

Katharine E. Gladfelter, former Secretary of Educational and Medical work of the Board of National Missions, will be commencement speaker on May 17. Miss Gladfelter will address the graduates on the subject, "Wake Up to Reality."

Under Miss Gladfelter's administration the work of modernization of laboratories, renovation of buildings, and construction of the junior college dormitory were accomplished.

Miss Gladfelter has always been an ardent supporter of Sheldon Jackson. Since her recent retirement she has been on numerous speaking engagements to discuss the work of the Presbyterian Church. She resides in Santa Fe, New Mexico.



**Bacca-
laureate
Speaker**

The Rt. Reverend William J. Gordon, Episcopal Bishop of Alaska, will deliver the Baccalaureate address on May 12. On this occasion, Sheldon Jackson will confer on Bishop Gordon the coveted "Christian Citizenship Award."

Bishop Gordon graduated from Virginia Theological Seminary in 1943 and was awarded a Doctor of Divinity Degree by them in 1953. He has held pastorates at St. Thomas' Mission at Point Hope, 1943-1948. He was consecrated Bishop of Alaska in May 1948. The Junior Chamber of Commerce chose him one of the ten outstanding young men in the United States. He was president of the Alaska Association of Churches and the first president of the newly organized Alaska Council of Churches.

Bishop Gordon flies his own plane and covers thousands of miles each year on visits to his far flung parish.

THE PAST AND THE FUTURE



RINGING THE OLD BELL

Laurie and Alton Cropley, cheerleaders, ring the old school bell to tell all Sitka that the S.J. WARRIORS have won a basketball game. Used today for announcing victories in sports and on other special occasions, in the old days it was the means of calling students to chapel, to classes, to meals, to study hall. It wakened them in the morning and kept them on schedule throughout the day. The bell was a gift to the school and bears the inscription:

In memory of Samuel Hendrickson
Died April 4, 1882

Presented to the Sheldon Jackson Institute
Sitka, Alaska

Women's Home & Foreign Missionary
Society Presbyterian Church, Jamaica, N.Y.

Clinton H. Meneely Bell Company
Troy, New York. A.D. 1882

PRESBYTERIAN NAVY

early days the "SJS" was used as a seining boat. One year, proceeds from such expeditions were used to buy the grand piano for Allen Auditorium. Now the "SJS II" is used to transport the choir and also the basketball team to points in Southeast.

The most recent addition to the Presbyterian Navy, the "MV Anna Jackman" is a modern 65' yacht, launched in Jacksonville, Florida in 1958 and brought to Southeast Alaska via the Panama Canal. The "Anna Jackman" serves the Presbytery of Alaska and also the school. The Reverend Jack Anderson, minister of the "Anna Jackman", conducts the boat ministry throughout Southeast, bringing the church to logging camps and villages.

\$224,000; gymnasium \$60,000. Faculty residences have been expanded from 5 to 15 plus a duplex. These physical changes came by pushing back the thick southeastern wilds and uprooting the remains of the virgin forests. New roads, water mains and the installation of heating lines have accompanied the expansion.

Into the stresses of change the school moved from adult education in its first years to a normal age group in elementary school. Some of the early furniture purchased from "Sears" is still on campus. It denotes the fact that the group was made up of "little" boys and "little" girls. Today bright, modern and colorful chairs, maps, listening laboratories and new chemistry tables give evidence of progress. The textbooks have gone beyond the "McGuffey" brand to overlays and charts that stir the imagination.

What will the future hold for Sheldon Jackson? The future belongs to adding new and varied services to the entire Alaskan church. In a recent communication to New York, Dr. Armstrong wrote to Dr. Harry Stearns, Chairman of Education for the Board of National Missions, "Several things seem to be evident: The training of laymen to enrich the village work in church programming and Bible training; the sociological study of southeastern villages; sponsoring training conferences for village leaders in government operation of the village. (Initial steps have been taken in this through the Department of Education through Governor Egan.)

"It must also be pointed out that the Alaskan native, Eskimo and Indian, has just as many problems as the negro and the Spanish American. Typical of Alaska there is not the concentration of the problem by numerical weight. The problem of rehabilitation and integration into our society is very real. We have highly trained R.C.A. graduates of Sheldon Jackson vs. the hunter of seal and the unemployed worker in the large city."

There are serious Christian concerns. Through the entire program both youth and adult must be taught to face the future with honest pride. Nothing less than the leadership of the church in many of these fields should be expected. The church will be buried in Alaska if the voice of Christian Education is allowed to die.

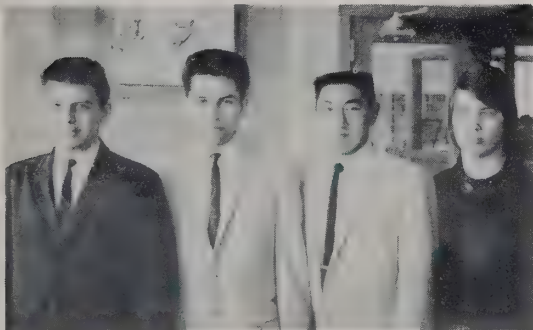
The prophetic voice of the past reaches into the future. Sheldon Jackson has a destiny -- a most unique destiny -- in the future of Alaska!



Laurie Crolepy, Billy Tegoseak, Charles Jackson, Lonny Lamb, Steve Pederson, Nick Holstrom, Oliver Leavitt, Loretta Leavitt, Warren Cole, Richard Hagen, John Sackett, Diane Gunder- sen, Chester Clark, Norma Gronholdt, Kathy Paddock, Mary Jane Angasan, Kay Wallis, Marcia Thorson, Marie Donnally, Kathleen Peavey, Rosalind Nannauck. Not in the picture: John Hanlon, Robert Williams, Arlene Jackson.

CLASS OF '63

Many commencements have been held at Sheldon Jackson since the first high school seniors graduated in 1921. Many have gone out to take their places in the state, in education, the church and industry. It was a real accomplishment to finish high school in 1921, but in 1963 young people who finish high school at Sheldon Jackson think in terms of higher education and the majority of those who will graduate in May this year have already been accepted by various colleges.



Charles Cameron, Edward Thomas, James Nageak, Lois Ann Calvin

16th ANNUAL JC COMMENCEMENT

Small in numbers but mighty in achievement is the expectation for these junior college graduates. Having begun their college careers they expect to transfer to four year work toward Bachelor's degrees. Lois and James graduated from Sheldon Jackson High School, Charles from Sitka High and Ed from Craig.

Sports



Billy Tegoseak and Oliver Leavitt have upheld the basketball tradition at Sheldon Jackson. At the recent tournament in Ketchikan they were nominated to the All Tournament Team in recognition of their fine sportsmanship. In the years ahead it is expected they will join such former stars of the Basketball Hall of Fame as Herbie Diedrickson, Roger Lang, John Borbridge and Jeff David. With track competitions at hand, Oliver will probably surpass his own 880 record for Alaska.



**John
Sackett**

John Sackett, another senior, excels in the field of oratory. Recently John won first place in the American Legion State Oratorical contest. Speaking on the "Living Constitution" John will appear in Moscow, Idaho to represent Alaska in the Regional contest; his goal will be to represent Alaska and Sheldon Jackson at the National Contest. John has been an honor student all four years at Sheldon Jackson and plans to attend Trinity College in Connecticut next fall.

News from Millikin University reports that Joan Marie Gentala, S.J.H.S. Class of '60, continues active in music and social affairs. She is song director and rush chairman for Zeta Tau Alpha; candidate for Beauty and the Beast contest, campus Chest Carnival; is choir director; she participated in the Homecoming Show, the a capella choir and the musical production by Town and Gown, Romeo and Juliet.



Greetings from Gov. Egan on 85th Anniver- sary

IN RECOGNITION

In recognition of 85 years of service to education in Alaska, Sheldon Jackson School received the following letter from Governor William A. Egan, March 20, 1963.

Dr. R. Rolland Armstrong, President
Sheldon Jackson Junior College,
Box 379, Sitka, Alaska
Dear Army:

It is hard to contemplate what would be the status of education in Alaska today, and even what would be the degree of development of this great state if Sheldon Jackson Junior College never existed.

Eighty-five years ago, when Sheldon Jackson opened its doors it represented virtually the only educational facilities in Alaska. And developments toward better educational facilities were slow in coming in the years which followed.

But even now, with a vastly expanded state program in the realm of primary, secondary and higher education, the need for institutions such as Sheldon Jackson Junior College persists, perhaps to a greater degree than on April 17, 1878.

I know that Sheldon Jackson Junior College will contribute much to Alaska's progress in the next quarter century by providing the spiritual guidance and the professional and occupational training needed for continued advancement.

Sincerely,

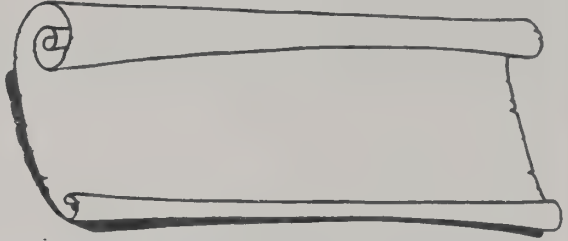
William A. Egan
Governor

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Citation from Senate and House

In the House By all Members of the House,
House Resolution No. 19 - In the Legislature of the State of Alaska, Third Legislature - First Session

Be it Resolved by the House of Representatives:

Whereas, Sheldon Jackson Junior College and High School has been producing well-trained citizens for Alaska since it was organized on April 17, 1878; and

Whereas, the school will celebrate its 85th anniversary of service to the people of the state on April 17th of this year;

Be it Resolved that the appreciation of the House of Representatives is extended to the staff and students of this historic institution on its 85th anniversary and to the Board of National Missions of the United Presbyterian Church for the valuable educational service it has provided the state; and be it

Further Resolved that copies of this resolution be sent to the Honorable R. Rolland Armstrong, D.D., President of the Sheldon Jackson Junior College and High School; and the Honorable Kenneth Neigh, D.D., General Secretary of the Board of National Missions of the United Presbyterian Church.

Passed by the House March 28, 1963

Bruce Kendall
Speaker of the House

(A similar citation was received from the Senate, dated March 28, 1963.)

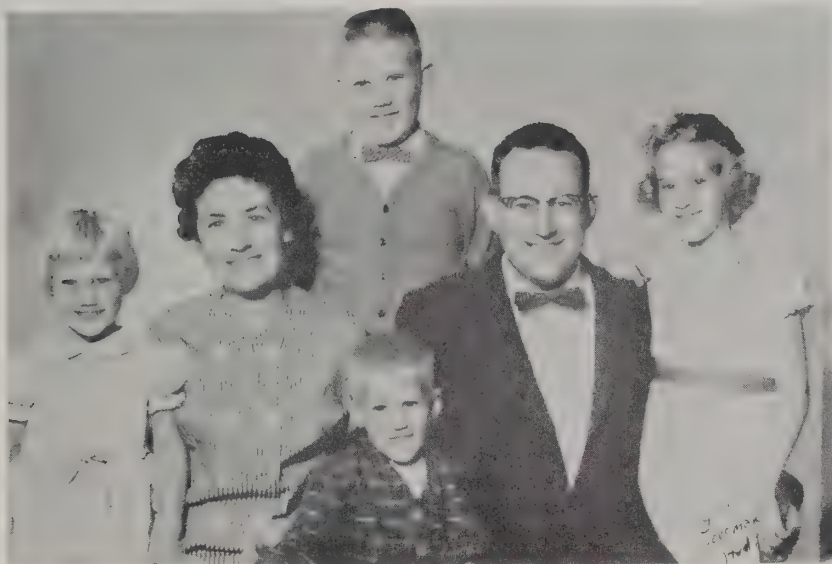
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The Music Department at Sheldon Jackson

In it's second year under the direction of Robert Bruce, the music department at Sheldon Jackson is flourishing and progressing.

The Bruces (above) came to Sheldon Jackson from Raymond, Washington, where he served as pastor of the Presbyterian Church for two years. Mr. Bruce graduated from San Francisco Seminary in 1961 having spent four years in the study of music and theology. He completed the B.D. degree at Whitworth and worked on his Masters in Sacred Music. He and his wife, Shirley, attended high school together in Santa Cruz, California, and were married in 1950 in their senior year in college. They spent two years in Spokane while attending Whitworth College. The Bruce family includes John 12, Carol 10, Christine 6 and David 4.

Mr. Bruce directs the high school choir of 55 voices and the college choir of 35. Of those in the college choir, 23 are men which necessarily puts the emphasis on men's chorus numbers. Because of the small number of women enrolled, there are only twelve in the choir. However, combined numbers will be used to include

them. Mr. Bruce also directs the Girls' Triple Trio, the Handbell Choir and is co-director of Deputation work.

Deputation teams are composed of members from both the high school and college choirs. Trips have been planned to Hoonah, Angoon and Kake this year. On these trips the group presents a musical program for the community on Saturday night and give talks on Sheldon Jackson. They conduct worship services on Sunday morning with Neal Armstrong as chaplain and Mr. Bruce as music director. Deputation teams will assist in the Sunday worship services of the local churches - the Baptist, Lutheran, Episcopal, Mt. Edgecumbe Community and the Nazarene Churches. They also have their regular responsibility in the music at the local Presbyterian Church.

The college choir will take trips to Petersburg and Wrangell during November. This will be both a choir trip and a deputation trip and will use both the SJS II and the ANNA JACKMAN in order to provide transportation for the whole group.

In April the band, under the direction of Dwight Billman, assistant to Mr. Bruce, and ten selected voices will go by ferry to

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CARLOS MONTOYA, GUIDANCE COUNSELOR

Another step forward that means progress in education at Sheldon Jackson was the appointment of Carlos Montoya as Guidance Counselor for the high school and junior college students. Until this year guidance was done on a shared basis by the dean, the principal, Mr. Montoya and others. Mr. Montoya is well qualified for this position, having majored in counseling and received his Masters Degree in that academic field from Adams State College in Alamosa, Colorado.

This is the second year at Sheldon Jackson for the Montoyas. Prior to coming here Carlos and his wife, Priscilla, both taught at Ruby, Alaska, for three years. In Colorado, Mr. Montoya was a high school teacher for three years. He came to Sheldon Jackson as coach and physical education instructor.

The Montoyas have two boys, Charles 4 and Michael 2.

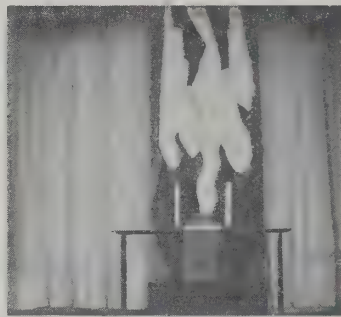
Physical education and basketball are an important second field of interest for Mr. Montoya, and during free hours he will be seen working with Mr. Willard in coaching touch football and other games. Mr. Montoya will be coach of the high school basketball team, the Sheldon Jackson WARRIORS and is expecting big things of them this year.

ALASKA DAY

On October 17 and 18

Sitka celebrated the purchase of Alaska from Russia by the United States. The flag raising ceremony, the parade and pageant were enjoyed by many visitors including Governor Egan and several from the military. All Alaskans, and especially those in Sitka, are looking forward to 1967, the one hundredth anniversary of the purchase of Alaska.

SPIRITUAL EMPHASIS WEEK



The Rev. Dr. Glenn Carlson, pastor of the St. James Presbyterian Church, Bellingham, Washington, was the leader of Spiritual Emphasis Week which was observed from October 11 to 16. This is a week of spiritual refreshment for students and staff. Chapel services are held each morning - the theme this year, "The Five Parts of Prayer." The theme for his vesper services was "Christian Faith and the Christian Life." Individual counseling, class discussions and services kept Dr. Carlson busy. Any who wished to discuss problems and seek answers to questions in their spiritual life were encouraged to meet with Dr. Carlson.

Spiritual Emphasis Week has been an annual event at Sheldon Jackson since 1952. Each year this week is set aside for the specific purpose of bringing inspiration and guidance to the young people in their spiritual life and a keener realization of their Lord and Master and His saving Grace.

WHERE ARE LAST YEAR'S GRADUATES?

Josephine Moikobu is attending Western Washington College of Education in Bellingham; Muheer Aown is attending the Detroit Institute of Technology and Hugh Devlin is at the University of Alaska.

Of those who graduated from high school, Marjorie Anderson, John Dybdahl and Raymond Thorson are at Western Washington College of Education; Gail Clendenen, Dixie Demmert, Cornelia Henry are at the University of Alaska; Berti Abrahamsen, Gregory Austin, John Ballard, Cornell Bean, Andrew Gamble, Jr., Patricia Gronholdt, Glenda Hardcastle, Lloyd Howard, Gordon Jackson, Christina See, Elmer Tetpon, Mike Tittle and James Williams are at Sheldon Jackson Junior College; Lee Phillips and Stephen Petersen are attending Diablo Junior College in California and Pixie Fitch is at Oregon State. Mae Kuykendall is doing office work in Juneau.

MEMO FROM THE PRESIDENT

This fall, everyone remarks about the fine spirit and enthusiasm on the campus.

New organizational patterns are being introduced into the work program. A work contract for a specific number of hours each week is issued to college students involved in the work scholarship program.

New developments have appeared in teaching techniques. A new 3M projector and Thermofax are added features in visual aids. Three areas have been developed on campus for depositing projectors and visual aid equipment.

The music department keeps Mr. Bruce busy. We wonder how he can maintain the enthusiasm he displays with more than 100 students involved in the total music activities.

There is concern over the development of housing for the 1965-66 season. We are literally running out of space and some type of housing must be developed for next year.

Spiritual Emphasis Week has come and gone. The frank inquisitiveness of young people is a challenge to every staff member to stay on his spiritual toes.

We constantly need the prayers of our friends to aid us in the tasks of modern Christian Education.

Several of the Sheldon Jackson Staff members will attend a course of instruction in the handling of small boats. This will be given to interested persons free of charge by the Coast Guard at Mt. Edgecumbe.

This summer the Rolland Armstrongs enjoyed a visit from their daughter Allison, Mrs. Ralph Keef, and their grand daughter Cheryl. They have returned to Newport, Oregon, but will be back at their home base in Maine in the spring. Charlene, who is a senior at Trinity, spent the summer at home. She worked at the Pioneers Home but has returned to Trinity where she is majoring in social work.

How far do Sheldon Jackson students travel to get to Sitka? Patrick Pletnikoff from St. Paul Island would have traveled through Arizona, New Mexico, Texas, Oklahoma, Montana, Illinois, Indiana, Tennessee, Kentucky, South Carolina and Georgia if the map of Alaska were superimposed on the continental 48.

The Sheldon Jackson High School

Under the direction of Jerome Gresham, principal, the high school is off to a fine start for the school year. A record number of applications were received during the summer and early in the spring, some of which had to be turned down. Early applications make planning much easier and are desirable. The high school dormitories are filled and are more comfortable for the students with an enrollment of 148 rather than 161 as it appeared might have to be taken care of. There are 80 boys and 68 girls with more boys in every class except the freshman where there are two more girls than boys. Students come from 40 Alaskan communities and California, Washington and Oregon.

43% from communities in Southeast

33.8% from Westward and the Aleutians, St. Lawrence Island

20.2% from the Interior, Barrow and Wainwright

3% South 48

These figures are interesting to compare with figures published in the October 1959 issue of the VERSTOVIAN. In that year there were 119 enrolled in the high school, 53.8% from the Interior and Barrow and 20.4% from the Aleutians and Westward including St. Lawrence Island.

The division of ethnic groups changes over the years. In the beginning, 86 years ago, Sheldon Jackson School was started for the Tlingit Indian. Today Indians make up 25% of the student population in the high school, Eskimo 9% and other groups 14%. There are 26% white students and the same percentage of white and native.

Not thine own

From "Measure for Measure" Act 1, sc. 1

Thyself and thy belongings

Are not thine own so proper as to waste

Thyself upon thy virtues, they on thee.

Heaven doth with us as we with torches do
Not light them for themselves; for if our
virtues

Did not go forth of us, 'twere all alike

As if we had them not. Spirits are not
finely touched

But to fine issues, nor Nature never lends

The smallest scruple of her excellence

But, like a thrifty goddess, she determines
Herself the glory of a creditor,

Both thanks and use.

William Shakespeare, 1564-1616

The Class of '66

From the Dean's Desk - by Victor Charles

Sixty full time day students of the Class of 1966 enrolled at Sheldon Jackson Junior College this fall. Eighty-eight in all registered for regular day school, while forty-four are enrolled in evening classes this first semester. Only thirteen of our day students are Sophomores, but they are quite an outstanding small class.

It is our Freshman Class that we salute at this time however, as this is the largest class ever enrolled at SJJC. It is not the increased number that is so encouraging as the quality that we are thrilled about. Kellogg Cottage, our women's residence, and Condit House, our men's residence, are both filled.

An improved spirit is attributed to the enthusiasm with which our collegians enter into activities and studies this year. The first dance, the class elections and other early semester programs have been very successful. As the result of a successful hunting expedition a venison dinner was served to approximately eighty at Condit House and this was reported a highly successful event. A spirit of leadership that is getting the college program off to a good beginning is evident among the students. This year for the first time the junior college students will produce their own Yearbook. At present a contest is under way for the selection of a name.

Although many of our Freshmen have indicated a one year plan at SJJC, the college hopes to "hold" its students for the second year. A student body of 100 or more seems probable if the holding power is improved.

Students come from Barrow and Nome on the North, to Metlakatla and Annette on the South - from California, Indiana, Florida, Washington, Ohio, Colorado, Oregon; and from Kenya, Hong Kong, Bethlehem and Japan. Several ethnic groups are represented: the Aleut, Eskimo, Indian and Caucasian.

With the anticipation of increased enrollment in 1965 the future looks very encouraging. Now we are discussing new dormitories and other buildings. Uppermost for the future, however, is the hope that we may continue to have as fine a student body as we have at present.



Architect's Drawing of the Student Union Building for the Sheldon Jackson Campus

At long last. . .

It has started . . . THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE STUDENT UNION BUILDING on the Sheldon Jackson campus. At this writing it is not too much in evidence, but Burrell Fisher, assistant engineer and business manager, Roy Holmberg, assure us that the work of excavation, marking out of corners, burning brush and cutting trees is under way. Within a short time Chester Latta and Laurence Doig will appoint two of the junior college young men to begin working on the logs in the sawmill. It appears now that with the help of additional construction workers, the building will be assured. Unless additional gifts or grants are received, only one section of the building will be finished first. It is hoped that a new cafeteria and possibly bowling alleys will be added as soon as sufficient funds are on hand. Those who started giving for the Student Union ten years ago will be happy to know that the fund has now grown to a sum large enough to begin building. It is the one facility that the entire campus looks forward to eagerly. It will be another step forward for the Sheldon Jackson program.



The first load of beams for the A-frame of the Student Union Building are delivered from the Sheldon Jackson Sawmill.

Educators visit Sheldon Jackson

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An outstanding group of educators from the Northwest Association of Secondary and Higher Schools visited Sheldon Jackson in October for the purpose of inspecting the program and facilities. Three junior college presidents, members of the Commission on Higher Schools, were assigned to the task. Dr. Edward P. Smith, President of Grays Harbor College, is chairman of the accreditation section of junior colleges for the Association, and is also on the National Commission on Accrediting. He has served on a number of junior college visitations. Dr. Rodney Berg, President of Everett Junior College, has been active in junior college accreditation. He is one of the better known and better qualified college administrators in the Northwest. Mr. Perry Christianson, President of the North Idaho Junior College at Coeur d'Alene, is a member of the accreditation team of the Higher Commission and has been active in evaluation of junior colleges.

The group arrived for a two day inspection tour on October 6, visiting classrooms and every part of the plant. They viewed the high school and college to observe the separation of the two schools. Questions were asked of teachers and students as the tour progressed. A coffee hour brought the team and faculty together in Condit Lounge. David Crawford, college freshman whose article on Sheldon Jackson appeared in Highway Magazine last spring, showed the college men's dorm to the visitors.

The report of the team will be given in December on the floor of the Northwest Association meeting in Portland. With the fine increase in enrollment and the prospects for the future, it is anticipated that

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Perry Christianson, chairman; Edward Smith and Rodney Berg visit with Dr. Armstrong as they leave for inspection of schools at Juneau and Anchorage. This was the inspection team making a preliminary visit to Sheldon Jackson for the Commission on Higher Schools of the Northwest Association of Secondary and Higher Schools.

Ketchikan. Following the festival it is planned to bring more high school choir members down to complete the tour of Southeast - Metlakatla, Craig, Hyaburg and Klawock. Using the ferry makes it possible to take more singers.

In the early spring the combined choirs will present HMS Pinafore by Gilbert and Sullivan, on campus and in Metlakatla.

Whenever selecting voices from the two choirs to perform the choir will be known as the Sheldon Jackson Choir. Both choirs will sing separately on many occasions.

Mr. Bruce has students in voice, piano and other musical instruments. He teaches speech in the high school and music appreciation and fundamentals of music in college.

During the summer vacation, the Bruces spent eleven weeks in Fairbanks. As a student at the summer sessions at the University of Alaska, they lived on the campus. While Rev. Cleworth of the First Presbyterian Church of Fairbanks had his two months' vacation, Mr. Bruce assumed the responsibility for that church. Each morning during these two months he appeared on the "Family Altar" radio program, a devotional program that is beamed to many isolated areas far from the Fairbanks area. During this time he accompanied Mr. Cleworth, who is a pilot as well as a minister, on a plane trip to observe the work of the church at Clear.

The entire family enjoyed their summer in the interior and their visit to Mt. McKinley Park. Their activities in the Fairbanks area included gold panning, Golden Days and the Eskimo Olympics. They made many friends who will be long remembered.

Mrs. Bruce accompanies the college choir and helps whenever possible at the piano.

Wherever there is music, Mr. Bruce is involved. Each week he directs a community chorus that plans programs for Christmas and Easter. In addition to directing, Mr. Bruce has a fine tenor voice that is enjoyed by everyone whether in solo or with others. His enthusiasm for his work is surely an inspiration to all his students and to those with whom he works.

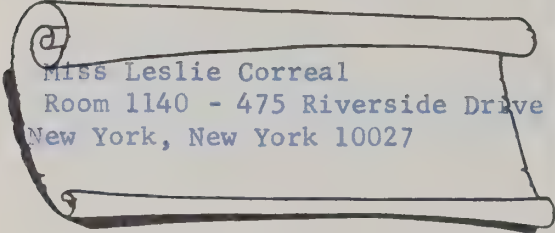
Friends of Sherry Spray will be pleased to hear that her marriage to Eugene Randall Cox took place in Seattle on October 24.

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a positive word of encouragement toward self-studies and eventual inspection for accreditation will be given by this committee. As stated by one member of the group, "accreditation does not solve all the ills of transfer." Dr. Armstrong says he is proud of the acceptance of Sheldon Jackson students throughout the country. The latest school added to the growing list of schools recognizing Sheldon Jackson Junior College is The Detroit School of Technology. Accreditation will certify the faculty and the program. Following the visit, Dr. Armstrong stated, "We have welcomed the visit of the team as a healthy sign of our advance. We look forward to the issuance of the report. We are certain that our work of the past places us in a good position to move forward into the future."

Alaska Music Trail Concerts

The Alaska Music Trail concerts are being presented again this year in Allen Auditorium. The beautiful voice of Nan Merri-man has been heard in the October concert. Artists to be presented later this year and early in 1965 are Tsuyoshi Tsutsumi, cellist, Walter Carringer, lyric tenor, and Nicanor Zabaleta, king of harpists. The community is indebted to the Sitka Concert Association for bringing this series of nine concerts which add much to the cultural life of Sitka. The Yamaha Grand piano which was purchased last year by the Concert Association with the help of many friends, is enjoyed by all. This is the 15th season of the Alaska Music Trail Concerts.

FOOTBALL AT ESS JAY

Another sport was added at Sheldon Jackson when Coach Willard organized a Touch Football Team. The pictures show the team from Sitka High and the Sheldon Jackson team playing on the SJ campus.



In the far background, Kellogg Cottage, residence for college women. To the right, portion of Stevenson Hall, residence for freshman and sophomore high school girls.



Looking toward Crescent Bay and Pittsburg Cottage, a staff residence.

Shakespeare Quadricentennial

The 400th anniversary of William Shakespeare will be observed at Sheldon Jackson in the drama department when they present "The Taming of the Shrew." This will be presented by the senior class under the direction of Miss Reagan. Miss Whitmore is assisting with the costuming.

Three additional events will be presented on the Sheldon Jackson campus through the sponsorship of the Soroptimist Club of Sitka. The beautiful color film, "Romeo and Juliet Ballet" will be the first of the series to be presented. During the month of November, local talent will present readings, songs and musical numbers entitled "An Evening in Shakespear's Time." The final offering in the series will be in December when the film, "A Midsummer Nights Dream" will be shown.

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Sheldon Jackson's New Student Center

Tuesday, November 1st will be a red letter day for Sheldon Jackson Junior College and High School when, following the inauguration of Dr. Orin R. Stratton as President, the recently completed Rasmuson Student Center will be dedicated and officially opened for the advancement of the social and cultural life on the campus.

For more than a decade students and alumni alike have looked forward to the time when their dream would come true and such a facility would be added to their school campus.

Far-sighted individuals interested in the future of the schools and with an appreciation for the valuable contribution such a student center would make to the progress of the institution, instigated a movement in 1956 to raise funds for such a project, setting a goal of \$20,000 before starting construction. Between April 1956 and July 1957, individuals and Christian organizations throughout the country had contributed nearly one-half of that amount.

Interest in the movement, however, dropped off and little, or no activity was experienced until October 1959 when the Advisory Committee met on the Sheldon Jackson campus and took action to recommend to the Board of National Missions that a statewide finance committee be organized to conduct a fund raising campaign and a

"campaign manager" be selected. The Board of National Missions gave clearance for such a campaign to reach out into the Alaskan communities for help and assured cooperation through the office of Special Gifts in providing a campaign manager.

With this assurance from the National Board the prospects of Sheldon Jackson having a Student Center was getting closer, but the need for new dormitories to accommodate a steady increase in enrollment took precedence over the student union creating a delay in starting construction until the fall of 1965.

Architectural service was provided by the Board of National Missions and Tom Horton of Albuquerque, New Mexico was assigned

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Inaugural - Dedication Set

The Rev. Ralph H. Weeks of Spenard, former member of the Sheldon Jackson staff, and now serving as chairman of the Advisory Committee, will return to S.J. campus November 1st to preside at the inauguration of Dr. Orin R. Stratton as fourth president of the school.

Induction of the new president will be by J. Forrest Burns, Chairman of the Division of Education, Board of National Missions of the United Presbyterian Church in the

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FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

Sheldon Jackson, the oldest educational institution in Alaska, is entering into a new era of educational challenge and Christian service to young Alaskans. Since Statehood, significant advances have been made in public education at all levels. Fine schools are emerging throughout the state and are providing a good education. The University of Alaska is taking its place among the outstanding universities of the land and is providing competent leadership for the entire educational complex of the state. The University is also establishing a system of community colleges throughout the state to extend the opportunity for higher education to many communities.

In light of all this, where does S.J. stand? What is her unique role and purpose in the future of education in Alaska? The answers to these questions are not perfectly clear at this time. However, two things are clear as I undertake the responsibility of president.

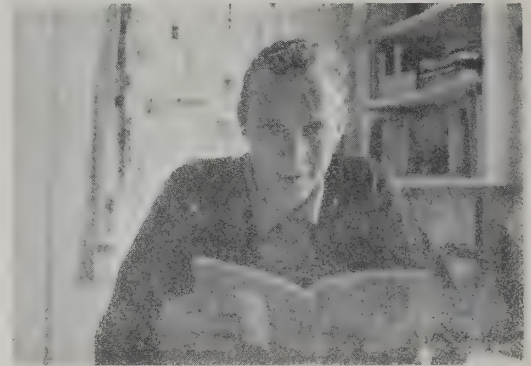
First, Sheldon Jackson will continue to challenge young Alaskans to a personal faith in Jesus Christ. Every effort will be made to help each student live and interpret life in the contemporary world in terms of the Christian faith. Throughout its long history, S.J. has been a mission arm of the Presbyterian Church. We will be loyal to our parent Church and continue to serve the whole Church of Christ with vigor and creativity.

Secondly, S.J. will strive to provide at the high school and junior college level the best educational experience possible. We have

excellent physical facilities and a competent and committed staff of teachers and administrators. All the elements for an exciting learning situation are here. We intend to utilize every facility, situation and relationship both in and out of the classroom to produce competent Christian citizens for a new and young Alaska and the wide world over.

We ask for your prayers and support as we undertake this mission for the youth of Alaska.

DUNCAN APPOINTED DEAN



A new academic dean of the Sheldon Jackson Junior College has been named to succeed Victor Charles. He is Paul Brayton Duncan, a native of Illinois and a familiar figure on the Sheldon Jackson campus since 1958. Mr. Charles resigned to accept a position as Director of the Thief River Falls Junior College in Minnesota.

Mr. Duncan first came to Sheldon Jackson as a summer student. Following his graduation from Blackburn College, Carlinville, Illinois, he taught for a year at Joliet in his home state before coming to Alaska and the SJ campus in 1960.

In recent years Mr. Duncan has specialized in new methods of teaching French, supplementing his education by attending summer schools and conferences at such institutions as Montana State University, the University of Oregon Institute at Tours, France, and L'Universite Laval in Quebec City, Quebec. In 1964 he taught at Schenectady, New York.

He has been chairman of the Sheldon Jackson College faculty and for the past two years has served as staff Chairman of the Self-Evaluation Study for the Northwest Commission on Higher Education.

Mrs. Duncan, the former Dorothy Jan Linberg, is a teacher of French in the Sitka Public Schools. The Duncans have two children, Gregory Paul, 5 and Natalie Lynn, 3.

"Aunt Emily" Sidebotham Dies

Emily Baron Sidebotham who retired from the missionary field and Sheldon Jackson staff in 1942 passed away August 11, 1966 at the Monte Vista Grove Home in Pasadena California. She was 89.

"Aunt Emily" as she was affectionately known by her many acquaintances, served the mission field for 53 years. She served longest in Dorland-Bell at Hot Springs, North Carolina, where she was principal for a number of years. She also served in Utah at both Hungerford Academy and Wasatch Academy. She spent time, too working with the Cherokee Indians in the midwest.

Born in England, the daughter of a Presbyterian minister, she called Bay City, Michigan her home since her parents lived there during their last years.

Rev. Robert S. Sidebotham of Peekskill, New York, the youngest of three brothers, all Presbyterian ministers, survives.

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to supervise construction. The site having been selected, SJ's engineers and students went to work well in advance of Mr. Horton's arrival, to clear the plot of its trees and otherwise prepare the site for the building.

Funds for the \$140,000 structure were received from friends and alumni of Sheldon Jackson, the Fifty Million Capital Funds Campaign of the United Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A., Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Rasmuson of Anchorage, and the Rasmuson



The Lounge

Foundation, established in memory of Mr. Rasmuson's father, Edward A. Rasmuson, educator and missionary. With volunteer and student help, construction costs were kept to a minimum providing a much finer building than the \$140,000 cost figure might indicate.

The Edward A. and Jenny Rasmuson Student Center provides Sheldon Jackson campus with as beautiful and practical a facility as can be found on any campus with a comparable enrollment. The center is complete with dining facilities, a spacious lounge, student store and snack bar, a recreation room and three conference rooms.

The lounge forms the center section of the building, with entrances at either end of the well furnished room. Large windows along the front provide an excellent view across the lawn and the campus proper. The student store, rest rooms, and manager's office form the south wall. Adding to the decor of the room is an attractively designed and beautifully arranged planter box situated some three feet from the south wall and forming a decorative screen to entrances to rest rooms and storage space.

The north wing of the building is an A-frame type structure consisting of a recreation room on the ground floor and three conference rooms on the second, entrance to which is off the main lounge. The larger of the conference rooms will accommodate meetings of up to 150 while the two smaller rooms have been designed with the needs

of the student publications and associations in mind.

The recreation room, with access to the snack bar, has an area set aside as a "dining" space with the remainder of the room being devoted to table tennis, and billiards when not used for dancing. The room is adequately furnished with lounge chairs, game tables, piano and juke box.

The east wing is devoted entirely to the cafeteria. A dining room with entrance from the main lounge has a seating capacity of 250, and a smaller room has been set aside for a staff dining room. The well equipped kitchen is provided with two serving windows permitting service with a minimum delay "in line."

Art lovers will appreciate the work of numerous artists represented in the paintings that adorn the walls of the various rooms. Many of these being from the collection given the school by the Harmon Foundation.

Of special interest, and demanding a prominent position on the room divider above the planter in the lounge, is an outstanding art piece painted by Mrs. Maude Simpson, a local artist, and presented to the Student Center by the "Class of '66" of Sheldon Jackson Junior College. The painting, done in a variety of soft color, in a montage type effect, depicts the many phases of life in Alaska, and adds much to the decor of the building.

The building is wired for television and a combination radio and intercom system provides background music throughout the building.

While it has been a long time in the offing, those interested in Sheldon Jackson can be justly proud of this addition to the campus, and those that are yet to avail themselves of the opportunities on the Sheldon Jackson campus can look forward to a facility equal to that of many larger colleges. Sheldon Jackson school continues to move forward.



The Recreation Hall

"CENTER" NAMED FOR MISSIONARIES

With the dedication of the new Edward A. and Jenny Rasmuson Student Center on the campus of Sheldon Jackson Junior College and High School, the Advisory Committee pays special tribute to the parents of a former Sitka resident and benefactor, Hon. Elmer Rasmuson, Mayor of Anchorage, President of the Board of Regents of the University of Alaska and President of the National Bank of Alaska.

The development of Sheldon Jackson School is a project that was very close to the lives and hearts of Mr. Rasmuson's parents and substantial contributions have been received from both him and The Rasmuson Foundation for the construction of the student center now bearing the Rasmuson name.

It was shortly after the turn of the century that a 19 year old Swedish girl left her homeland to come to America and make a new home for awhile in Chicago. In 1903 she came to Alaska and the little Indian village of Yakutat, as a missionary for the Swedish Covenant Church. There, in 1905, she fell in love and was married to young Edward Rasmuson who, that year, had arrived in Yakutat as a missionary, and to teach in the Indian school. He was a preacher for a number of years and therefore, had a dual function, that of an educator and a missionary.

The family later moved to Sitka, and to further his academic education Mr. Rasmuson undertook the study of law, moving his family then to Juneau. After being admitted to the bar, a home was established in Skagway where Mr. Rasmuson ultimately became president of the Bank of Alaska. Active in the Presbyterian Church he served as an elder in the church at Skagway.

Like her husband, Mrs. Rasmuson was active in the Presbyterian Church for many years and became a past president of the Skagway Presbyterian Women's auxiliary.

It appeared natural, therefore, that the Advisory Committee, in selecting a name for this outstanding addition to the Sheldon Jackson campus, should give favorable consideration to devout Presbyterians, missionaries who spent a lifetime in the state and whose providence enabled them to accumulate sufficient wealth to provide a substantial amount of the funds used in construction of the building, and thereby permit campus personnel to relate the names of strong and outstanding people in the work of the church to the historic Christian atmosphere of Sheldon Jackson.

Following her husband's death in 1949, Mrs. Rasmuson continued to make her

home in Skagway until 1951 when she moved to Anchorage. In recent years she had made her home with her son. She passed away only a few months ago without having had the privilege of seeing her name grace the building on the Sheldon Jackson campus that for years to come should contribute well to the advancement of an interest so dear to her heart.

It is the earnest prayer of all concerned that this monument, erected in the interest of Christian fellowship shall long endure to enhance the campus and promote the purpose for which it was intended.

NEW STAFF MEMBERS

One might say that Mrs. Ruth Lilly Allen, assistant dormitory supervisor, has been in the Missionary field of the Presbyterian Church all of her life. She was born in Sheridan, Wyoming where her father began his Home missionary ministry working with the Indian and white people of that area.

Majoring in science at the University of Washington she left in her junior year to attend Moody Bible Institute in Chicago. Marrying a graduate of Princeton Seminary they started their ministry in a coal mining town in Nova Scotia in 1929 working under the boards of the United Presbyterian Church.

A daughter, Josephine Ann a registered nurse, is a graduate of the University of Washington, and only recently graduated from the Missionary course at Multnomah Bible School in Portland, Oregon.

Mrs. Allen came to Sheldon Jackson from Ravenna Presbyterian Church in Seattle, where her daughter also holds membership.

Serving as boys' coach and physical education instructor at Sheldon Jackson is Mike Blewett of Culdeso, Idaho, a graduate of Northwest Nazarene College at Nampa, Idaho.

Mr. Blewett played college basketball and baseball but gave up intercollegiate sports during his senior year to become student Intramural Director and Assistant in the Physical Educational Department of the College.

Prior to coming to Sitka and the Sheldon Jackson campus Mr. Blewett acquired some knowledge of the area by working for three summers on commercial salmon fishing boats operating out of Petersburg.

Wife Janet is the other half of the Blewett household. They are affiliated with the Nazarene Church.

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Japanese Group Visits Campus

Recent guests on the Sheldon Jackson campus was the Eighth Japanese Youth Goodwill Mission team for North America.

The group of young business and professional people from Japan, headed by Professor Nobuyoshi Hirai of Ochanomizu Woman's University, is on an extended tour of North America which will take them to the east coast and the nation's capital before returning to their homeland.

During their stay in Sitka they were the official guests of the Alaska Lumber and Pulp Company, but were housed on S.J. campus where they could observe and enjoy our student body and the facilities of the school.

One college student more than any other was especially happy to see the Japanese delegation arrive on campus. He was Mamoru Kobayashi who had arrived some two weeks earlier unable to speak but very few words of English. Mamoru made the most of his opportunity to visit with the guests from his homeland.

Besides Mr. Hirai, nine others made up the team. Assistant Leader was Mitsuo Hashimoto, an executive of Ministry of Health and Welfare. The remainder of the team consisted of two teachers, two clerks, a jeweler, child welfare worker, YMCA secretary, and a representative of agriculture. Four members of the team were women.

INAUGURAL DEDICATION SET

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U.S.A. Mr. Burns will come here from the New York office.

In addition to the inaugural address of Dr. Stratton an address will be delivered by Elmer Rasmuson, president of the Board of Regents of the University of Alaska and son of Edward and Jenny Rasmuson for whom the new Student Center is named.

Others to appear on the program include Rev. Kenneth W. Smith, pastor of Chapel By The Lake Church, Auke Bay, and Rev. W. Wilson Rasco, Executive Secretary, Washington and Alaska Synod. The Rev. Mr. Rasco is from Seattle.

Following the inaugural ceremony which is scheduled for Allen Auditorium the program will continue at the new Student Center and the dedication of that facility.

Mr. Burns will present the building for dedication, with Dr. Stratton accepting and conducting the dedication.

Responding with words of appreciation will be representatives from the student body of both the High School and Junior College as well as the Advisory Committee.

TO HEAR ACCREDITATION REPORT

Sheldon Jackson Junior College will receive the final report concerning the accreditation of the institution on Nov. 28 when President Orin R. Stratton and Dean Paul Duncan appear before the executive committee of the Northwest Association of Secondary and Higher Schools in Seattle. Robert Youngblood, high school principal, will also be in attendance at the meeting.

Dr. Rolland Armstrong

On the 15th of August, a farewell party attended by over 200 Alaska friends, with gifts and speeches, brought to a close the twenty six years of service which R. Rolland Armstrong and Katherine Armstrong gave to Alaska. It would be difficult to find a spot in this vast State where "Army" is not known and respected for his wholehearted endeavors in all phases of church, civic and educational work. And undergirding everything was Katherine with her knack of welcoming guests into their home to share their many interests. No expression of appreciation is adequate to sum up the contributions of this couple. Instead we want to refer you to the next chapter in the Armstrong story.

Dr. and Mrs. Armstrong left Sitka on August 22nd and were already at work in Arizona on August 30th. Dr. Armstrong is heading up the work of the United Presbyterian Church among the Navajos, and their new address is: Box 348, Fort Defiance, Arizona. One of their fellow workers at Ganado wrote this about "Army" on September 23rd, "He has already demonstrated the need that we had for a man of his caliber and we all feel that our gain is your loss. We know he will make a great contribution to the work of the Church throughout this area." To this we say, "Amen!"

MAILING LIST TO BE REVISED

With the January issue of The Verstovian a special effort is to be made to bring our mailing list up to date, in order to protect our mailing privileges, and place the publication in the hand of only those having a personal interest in the school.

To comply with postal regulations zip code numbers must be included in all mailing addresses, which, of course, will require new address plates. Too, indications are that, in many instances, the individual for whom the publication is intended, is not receiving it.

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NEW STAFF - from page three

Jan A. Meyers is a new High School English teacher at S.J. Mr. Meyers received his Bachelor of Science degree in Secondary Education from the University of Texas at Austin, majoring in English and History with minors in Sociology and Bible.

While on the University of Texas campus, Mr. Meyers served as an Assistant to the Associate Director of the Student Union, and was later employed as a medical technician at the M.D. Anderson Cancer and Tumor Research Hospital and Clinic in his home town of Houston.

A candidate for Gospel Ministry from Gulf Coast Presbytery, Mr. Meyers has plans for entering McCormick Theological Seminary in Chicago and study Social Work at the University of Chicago.

Mr. Meyers is single and holds dual membership in Good Shepherd Presbyterian Church in Houston and First Presbyterian Church in Austin.

The Pattersons, Lowell S. and Mildred, came to Sheldon Jackson from Mesa, Arizona, and are members of the First Presbyterian Church of Chandler, Arizona.

Mrs. Patterson, a bookkeeper for several years, is serving as dormitory supervisor at Fraser Hall, and Mr. Patterson has been appointed manager of the new Rasmuson Student Center.

Prior to coming to Sheldon Jackson, Mr. Patterson was active in the field of journalism as an editor and publisher and owned a small job printing business. He spent several years in public relations work. In addition to managing the student center he will also edit The Verstovian and assist the High School Yearbook staff.

The Pattersons have two daughters in

Arizona. Carol, a high school English teacher in Phoenix, and Linda, associated with Mountain States Telephone Company there. Both are members of the Presbyterian Church in Chandler and active in youth organizations.

Miss Mae Pierce, High School Secretary, is a native of Penn Hills, Pennsylvania, and comes to Sheldon Jackson campus from Penn Hills Presbyterian Church.

A graduate of the University of Pittsburgh with a Master in Chemistry, Miss Pierce taught chemistry for a number of years before entering into the audio visual aid field. For the past five years she has served as co-ordinator of Audio Visual Instruction in Penn Hills Senior High School, a school near Pittsburgh with an enrollment of 3200 students.

Working with the Board of National Missions she has conducted mission promotion work with women's organizations in Western Pennsylvania for some twelve years. Her summers during the past ten years have been spent in the mission field working with the Indian people on reservations in Montana, North Dakota, South Dakota, Iowa, and northern Arizona where she worked on the Navajo Reservation both at Ft. Defiance and Tuba City.

Mrs. Cleo Scott of Prineville, Oregon is the new supervisor of Stevenson Hall, the ninth and tenth grade girl's dormitory.

A native of Minnesota, Mrs. Scott came west with her parents when they homesteaded land in the Chester, Montana area about 1909. Following her high school she continued her education by attending Healds' Business School in Sacramento, California.

Husband Orval remains in Prineville, looking after the family affairs, while a sister, Arline Lindeland lives in Sitka, being employed as supervisor at the Pioneer Home.

Mrs. Scott is a member of Our Saviour's Lutheran Church of Prineville; however, she is planning to move her membership to Sitka Evangelical Lutheran Church.

STUDENTS FROM FAR AND NEAR

Students on S.J. Campus come from forty Alaska communities, four other states and two foreign countries. Foreign students are Wadie Hazu, whose home is Bethlehem, Jordan; Mohamed Khalaf, from Jerusalem, Jordan; and Mamoru Kobayashi, from Shibuya, Tokyo, Japan. From St. Paul's Island, farthest point in Alaska, are college freshman Agafon Kruckoff and high school seniors Craig Euneau and Patrick Pletnikoff. Other states represented are California, Colorado, Ohio and Massachusetts.

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Choir Sings, Plays Basketball in Angoon

"Joy is everywhere, Funiculi, Funicula!" sang the members of the SJ choir at a Saturday evening concert in the Angoon United Presbyterian Church Nov. 30, and the choir members were indeed in excellent voice.

Why such joy? The students had spent a fun-filled day traveling on SJS II from Sitka and had received a warm reception in Angoon. They were made to feel at home in the currently vacant parsonage and were served a delicious chicken dinner. Then they were introduced by the leader of the Angoon church, Andrew Gamble; smiled to a church full of concert goers; and from their hearts sang "Joy is everywhere."

The concert also included the songs "Black is the Color of My True Love's Hair," "Guantanamo," "Sea Fever," "Prayer of Thanksgiving," and "Alaska's Flag." Roberta Mattin sang a soprano solo, "Climb Every Mountain"; Mrs. Buck played an aboe solo, "Solvig's Song"; and Cathy Mulliken led a group of folk songs in which the audience joined.

As well performed and received as the concert was, it was not the hit of the evening, for after it the Angoon All-Stars challenged a choir basketball team to a game at the ANB Hall. The biggest surprise of the week end came to a full gymnasium of Angoon residents when the SJ team appeared on the floor including not only five muscular tenors and basses, but also four shapely sopranos and altos. The All-Stars retired to their locker room to plan a new strategy, and suddenly volunteer referees popped up all over. The SJ team used every ounce of strength trying to keep up with the All-Stars and went down to fun-filled defeat 24 to 68.

After a pleasant Saturday evening, Sunday morning came too soon, but a delicious breakfast sent the choir on their way to the Presbyterian church. They sang the anthems "Sine Nomine" and "Be Still and Know" in the morning service, which was led by Dr. Jarvis Morris, teacher of religion at SJ. After the service ended and the choir had eaten one last special Angoon feast, all climbed down a steep ladder into the SJS II for the return trip.

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From the President's Desk



The annual fall Advisory Board meeting was a historic first for the Board. Instead of meeting on campus, as we usually do, we met in Fairbanks on Oct. 5 and 6 in conjunction with the annual meeting of the Alaska Federation of Natives.

The A.F.N. is composed of 19 smaller regional groups, representing native interests and concerns throughout the state. Members of the Advisory

Board and of the Administrative personnel of Sheldon Jackson College attended the meetings as participant listeners. Sheldon Jackson was given wide exposure on two occasions, when I was privileged to address the conference and when several SJ graduates spoke to the entire group.

The most thrilling experience of the whole conference was to discover how influential SJ schools have been throughout the years in training and developing native leaders. The majority of the articulate, creative leadership of this conference were young, dynamic native Alaskans educated at SJ. I wish every Presbyterian and supporter of SJ could have attended this conference; had they been there to see the outstanding leadership, they would have agreed with me that every dollar invested through these years in Sheldon Jackson has been justified.

There was another such experience last month in Sitka at a Congressional hearing held on native education by the Alaska Congressional representatives. Throughout 14 hours of testimony it was again the graduates of SJ schools who spoke eloquently and articulately for the cause of native education in Alaska.

The Administration, Staff, and Advisory Board of Sheldon Jackson College are doing everything possible to continue its historic concern for native education and identity with the native community. Three Alaskans will for the next three or four months be intensively recruiting native students for next year. In the future Sheldon Jackson College will be represented at every native association meeting possible. SJC will not become, as in the past, a segregated institution, admitting only natives; but our major concern will continue to be to train competent native leadership, which has been so much in evidence in these two conferences.

Join with us in this most significant missionary educational enterprise by your prayers, interest, and the encouragement of your local church benevolence giving for mission work like SJC, which is primarily supported by General Missions giving. (continued on page 5)

State Troopers are in Training at SJC

Mark Jacobs, Jr., of Sitka, is the newly appointed Admissions Counselor for Sheldon Jackson College. Mr. Jacobs will devote three months to visiting high schools throughout the state of Alaska to tell the story of the college.

A Sheldon Jackson High School graduate, Mr. Jacobs is a life-long resident of Alaska. He served in the United States Navy from 1942 to 1946, and later studied for a year at the University of Dubuque in Iowa. Mr. Jacobs has been active in the work of the Alaska Native Brotherhood and of the Thlingit and Haida Association, and is deeply interested in secondary and higher education for Alaska's youth. He recently completed an 18-month assignment for the State of Alaska as Director of the Rural Development Agency.

Mrs. Jacobs is the former Adelaid L. Bartness of Juneau. She was also graduated from SJHS, and attended SJC. The Jacobses have five children.

New Admissions Officer is at Work for College

Sheldon Jackson campus has been the site since last summer of the Alaska State Trooper Training Academy. The Academy is housed in North Pacific Hall and uses the college dining hall for meals.

The first class, numbering 26 men, was graduated in September, and the second class, 21, in December.

For nine weeks the troopers go through a rigorous training program. They receive a thorough grounding in law, including criminal, traffic, search and seizure, arrest, and evidence. They learn the art of self-defense, how to shoot a pistol, and how to drive a car at high speeds through an obstacle course.

After their graduation, the men are assigned to various places in Alaska, where they will receive on-the-job training for from 30 days to four months under the supervision of experienced troopers.

Officer in charge of this program is Lt. Gerold O. Williams, training officer of the Alaska State Troopers. He is assisted by an excellent group of instructors from the State Department of Public Safety, and from other parts of the country.

The Northwest Association of Secondary and Higher Schools has granted Sheldon Jackson permission to give college credit for courses taught by the Academy staff during this program. Each man earns 15 semester credits for nine weeks of work.

The Way, The Truth, The Life

"The Way" was the overall theme for Spiritual Emphasis Week of 1968, held on the SJ campus Nov. 17-20. The theme was taken from Jesus' words as recorded in the 14th chapter of John: "I am the way, the truth, and the life."

The Rev. Kenneth Smith, pastor of the Chapel by the Lake, Auke Bay, Alaska, was the Spiritual Emphasis leader. The week began with a Sunday evening worship service at which members of the congregations of the First Presbyterian Church and of the Nazarene Church of Sitka were guests. The public was also invited.

Morning chapel services on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday were supplemented by evening services on those same days. The SJ Choir, under the direction of Marsha Buck and accompanied by Kerry Monro, made its initial appearances of the year during these services.

Besides his formal presentations, the Rev. Mr. Smith scheduled personal counseling sessions with students and staff members throughout his three days on campus.

He came to the campus as an old friend, having served on the Sheldon Jackson staff for three years prior to attending seminary. He has been pastor of the Auke Bay church for the past 14 years.

At the request of the student body, Mr. Smith has been asked to return sometime in the second semester for a further time of counseling.

LIFE IN ALASKA

THE KUSKOKWIM RIVER

by Xenia Angellan

The subject of this article is the place I'm most familiar with, the Kuskokwim River. This is a river in west central Alaska, 600 miles long. It empties into the Bering Sea at Kuskokwim Bay.

The river extends from the bay as far as beyond McGrath. It is muddy, brownish, or off-white in color. In most places it's less than half a mile wide. Its curving, winding route makes it an interesting river to travel by boat, dog sled, and snow-go. All along its edges there are trees and sandy beaches. Farther up the river, small rocks are found along the banks, where shallow water is. The river is clear in some parts of this region but it doesn't look green. Most of the time, the water is calm, but when it gets rough, it is very rough, so people don't travel it much. There are about ten places where it gets rough, and people are drowned every year at one of these places.

There are old trees under the water along the sides of the river. During the break-up season, the ice jams, so that the trees get caught under the water. The roots are usually on top, so many times the nets from fishing boats get stuck. It takes quite a while to untangle the

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fishing nets from the roots because when the current gets strong, the nets get tighter and tighter. As the current gets strong, the boat twirls around pretty fast. When this happens, usually the men cut their nets or just let them go.

Last summer, when my brother and I were fishing, and really having a good time, all of a sudden the net started sinking, and our boat began to twirl around. That scared me and I didn't know what to do. I just sat down on the seat very tight. My brother jumped and pulled on the rope as hard as he could. Instantly the current became stronger. It was like a nightmare. For about five minutes, he pulled and pulled, trying to yank off the net from the bunched-up, long and thick tree roots. By this time I really was frightened. As he was about to cut the net, it came off, and what a relief!

The river is beautiful the year round. It mostly has trees that shed their leaves. In some parts, there are evergreen trees. During the fall time, the leaves turn to warm colors. The colored leaves with the evergreen trees look pretty, especially during early morning and towards evening. It gives me a dream-like feeling when we're going up or down the river by boat. The water gets cold in the fall, and a person usually travels with a heavy coat or a parka during the fall nights. By winter time, the trees don't have leaves, but their beauty continues in bare branches covered with frost. The ice has already formed, and the banks have snow on both sides. When it gets warmer, the banks of the river are under water and black spots form.

The break-up is usually in May and the ice goes slowly down the river. Sometimes the ice jams, and the water gets higher and higher. It usually takes a week or more for the ice to go out to the bay.

The Kuskokwim River is widely used for traveling, by boat, dog sled, and snow-gos. If it weren't there, the people would have to build roads and transportation might be hard.

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We will do all in our power to be worthy of your support and to continue the important task of training outstanding native leaders for Alaska.

Orin R. Stratton

Basketball Roundup

Sheldon Jackson Seals have been playing good basketball this season. Coached by Mike Blewitt, they have made an excellent showing against teams from much larger colleges.

Playing Ricks College of Rexburg, Idaho, on Dec. 14, 16, 17, they lost three games, but the scores do not tell the whole story of their fighting spirit. They lost two, won one of three games played Dec. 5, 6, 7 with Skagit Valley College of Mt. Vernon, Wash. All of these games were played in Sitka.

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Sheldon Jackson Freshmen

Carol Lingle comes from that famous gold rush town, Skagway. Her father is an engineer on the railroad that runs between Skagway and Whitehorse in the Yukon Territory.

Carol decided to attend Sheldon Jackson after a visit to the campus last year. She likes a small college and the friendly atmosphere at Sheldon Jackson.

Studying math and sociology and reading good books are enjoyments of Carol's. She plans to enter nursing and hopes to travel to Europe some day.

Another SJ freshman, Mike House, and Carol have something in common. Mike's father is an engineer on the Anchorage-Fairbanks railroad. Mike came to school here because he felt that Sheldon Jackson teachers are well qualified and interested in the students.

This past summer he worked for the Department of Fish and Game in Bristol Bay. Mike's primary interests are hunting and fishing and he hopes to study game management.

Cathy Carlson came to Sheldon Jackson to "get a change of scenery" from her Bellevue, Wash., home. She enjoys horseback riding and track. On campus she is actively involved in cheerleading and the Christian Education Committee. Cathy plans to attend the University of Puget Sound and major in political science.

Jim Abbott's home town is Mountain Home, Idaho. He came to Alaska because Sheldon Jackson had the right major for him, logging management.

What does Jim think of SJ now that he is on campus? He likes it. He finds the people here friendly, interesting and interested in others. The teacher-student ratio is good. A student is not a number but a person and receives personal attention.

Jim enjoys all sports and is a member of the SJ basketball team. Hunting deer, elk and ducks; fishing; water skiing and snowmobile riding occupy his leisure time.

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Choir members were thankful that they could put their trust in an able skipper, Laurence Doig; were glad that their indispensable accompanist, Kerry Munro, had remembered to bring along a game of Pit; and were hoping that the choir director, Marsha Buck, would excuse them from rehearsal the next day. All the way back to Sitka the question "When are we going on another trip?" brought to mind the words of "Sea Fever":

I must go down to the seas again, for the call of the running tide
Is a wild call and a clear call that may not be denied.

Campus and Alumni Notes

Students and faculty were pleased to hear of the appointment of Dean Robert L. Youngblood of Sheldon Jackson College to two important state commissions. These are the Professional Teaching Practices Commission and the Governor's Commission on Helping Services Agencies.

The appointments were made by Governor Walter J. Hickel, who has himself been named to a new position--that of Secretary of the Interior in the Cabinet appointed by President Richard M. Nixon.

Dr. Orin R. Stratton attended the sessions of the Northwest Association of Secondary and Higher Schools, held in Reno, Nev., Dec. 8-11.

The Northwest Association is the group that sets accrediting standards for the colleges in the Northwestern area of the country. Sheldon Jackson received accreditation in 1966 and has now been accredited for a second two-year period.

SJ's instructor in anthropology, Mrs. Esther Billman, attended the 1968 meetings of the American Anthropological Association in Seattle the third week in November. She will enroll in the University of Alaska for the spring semester to continue work on a master's degree in anthropology.

Mrs. Zelma Doig, head librarian, represented Sheldon Jackson College at the second annual meeting of the Alaska Historical Society in Anchorage Nov. 15-17.

Serving as a resource participant on two panels: Public Records and Private Papers; and Institutional, Public and Private Libraries of Alaska, Mrs. Doig discussed the C.L. Andrews Collection, which is housed in the SJ library. The Andrews Collection contains a wealth of original histories and records of Alaska.

Mrs. Doig will be attending the graduate school of library science at the University of Washington next quarter.

The Rev. Henry Fawcett is a second SJHS alumnus to go out recruiting for SJC. He is presenting the College to Alaska students who are presently in high schools in the South 48: at Chemawa, in Oregon; Chilocco, in Oklahoma; and Haskell Institute, in Kansas.

Mr. Fawcett is the pastor of the First Presbyterian Church in Jackson, Mich., one of some 40 churches founded by Sheldon Jackson.

Recruiting for the college in the high schools of Anchorage, Fairbanks, and Kodiak will be Flore Lekanof, a former staff member at Sheldon Jackson.

Mr. Lekanof is a well-known Alaskan leader; he is currently president of the Aleut League.

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Josephine Moikobu, a student at SJC in 1963-64, was chosen to represent her native country as Miss Kenya and has recently been in London competing for the title of Miss World.

After leaving SJ, Miss Moikobu attended Western Washington State College and the University of Syracuse. She returned to Kenya for a year of research in connection with work on the Ph.D. degree from Syracuse.

Caren Moikobu, Josephine's sister, who was graduated from SJC in 1965, and later from Western Washington, is working this year on a master's degree in sociology at Pacific Lutheran University in Tacoma.

Robert Rondeau, SJHS '66 and SJC '68 is serving with the United States Navy. He sends this address; SR R.E. Rondeau, B848683 Company No. 750, N.T.C., R.T.C., San Diego, 92133.

Bob expresses himself as appreciative of all the training he had in classrooms and dormitories at SJ, since he feels it was a good background for the training he will receive in the Navy.

BASKETBALL ROUNDUP (continued from page 5)

The Seals returned Dec. 1 from a trip to Anchorage on which they lost two heartbreakers to Alaska Methodist University. They had downed Trinity Junior College of Langley, B.C., three times in Sitka, Nov. 21, 22, 23.

Before the regular collegiate season, the Seals played nine exhibition games. They won eight and lost one, playing local teams.

When the Verstovian went to press, 11 intercollegiate games were still to be played, in January and February.

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New Enrollment Record

The enrollment for full-time students at Sheldon Jackson College is 10% higher this year. Dr. Orin Stratton said there are currently 99 full-time students attending classes, compared with 90 at this time last year. Stratton credited the new programs in Data Processing, Flight Training, Fishery and Wildlife Science, and Forestry for bringing more Alaskan students to the campus.

He said, "Although our heavier emphasis on encouraging Alaskans to attend Sheldon Jackson College seems to have given us a higher percentage from the State this year, we are pleased to have students from Mexico and two from Jordan."

There are 69 Alaskan students enrolled, 35 of whom are natives. Sixty-nine of the 99 students live on campus, the other 30 live off campus in the Sitka area.

Supplying the student body statistics this year was Sally Groenig the school registrar, who reported also that there were 99 part-time students, giving a total college enrollment of 196.

Stratton noted, too, that Sheldon Jackson College was more interested in providing a quality education in a Christian context than in having a large student body. "However, it is gratifying to see this excellent response in terms of number", he said. "It shows, I think, that the academic pioneering of a private institution is both valid and necessary in today's society."

FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK



Recently a student who had been at Sheldon Jackson for sometime told a staff member that no one had ever tried to "win him for Christ." An analysis of this statement might lead one to several conclusions. One, that as a church-operated institution, Sheldon Jackson College has no Christian

purpose. Two, that if there is an objective to communicate the Christian faith to students, it is not being accomplished very effectively. Three, the student was expecting something that the institution should not communicate even though it is owned by the Presbyterian Church.

Since I have been President of Sheldon Jackson College, I have received directly and indirectly from many sources the feeling throughout the Washington-Alaska Synod that Sheldon Jackson College is a perpetual "revival center" where students are "button holed" in every class and situation and confronted with the query "Are you saved?" Although I cannot speak for the past, I would like to clarify the present situation:

First, no student is admitted on the basis of this commitment to the Christian faith.

Second, the staff are committed Christians. (They have to be to work for a mission salary.) They do not all agree theologically. They represent divergent backgrounds and viewpoints, but they are united in their commitment to Christianity and to the educational task of Sheldon Jackson College in Alaska.

Third, Sheldon Jackson College has a definite Christian purpose to communicate the Christian faith to students. Our purpose is to witness, expose, and introduce them to Christianity, not "win" them for Him. The living Christ accomplishes this Himself when, where, and however he pleases. Communicating the Christian faith is basic to our educational philosophy to meet the needs of the whole man which

includes the value system that determines the direction of his life. It is our purpose to make the Christian faith "value system" a live option for each student.

How are these purposes implemented? In the context of an academic community? The Christian faith is articulated verbally through the normal channels of Chapel, academic courses in Bible and religion, small groups, Christian Emphasis Week, and personal counseling. More important, however, is our genuine attempt to communicate the Christian faith through the way we live life and the kind of commitment that functions here. It is admitted that students do not always observe a perfectly functioning, loving group of committed Christians in action, but we are striving to become increasingly more the kind of community that will communicate the love of God in Christ.

Each year, I try to communicate specifically our Christian purpose to all the students, emphasizing that I want no student to feel pressured by any staff member or situation to become a disciple of Christ. Christ never forced Himself on any personality and we must follow this example.

My greatest concern with the college student today is that he will reject the claims of Christ on his life on the basis of prejudiced, second-hand knowledge, false suppositions or unfortunate personal contacts in the past.

It is our purpose to try to provide an adequate knowledge of the Christian faith so he will have a sound basis to make a realistic decision as to whether to accept or reject Jesus Christ.

I am hopeful in the future that when the name Sheldon Jackson College is mentioned people will see not a rigid, unbending, revivalistic complex, but a group of imperfect Christians trying to provide a sound education and trying to convey the quality of life that Christ can give.

S. J. Calendar Features Merrill Prints

Hailed as "the father of photography," E. W. Merrill spent thirty years making pictures of the Sitka area just after the turn of the century, including interesting views of the SJ campus. Prints from his glass plates will be used to make an unusual 1970 calendar which will be mailed free to those requesting a copy.

Pioneering in the Frontier State

For the first time in Alaska, instruction is being offered in computer technology and programming. At the heart of the program, already underway at Sheldon Jackson, is an IBM Model 1130 computer to be installed in November in the Administration building on the campus.

The course in Data Processing has been well received in the community, with 13 full-time students enrolled and 26 part-time students. Many of the part-time students are in government and industry in the area and are interested in the applications of the computer to their own activities.

The instructor for Data Processing is Rod Nutting, who also acts as basketball coach. He says, "The response has been encouraging. Many people from Sitka are interested in how a computer can be used in their businesses. I believe that integration of computer technology into existing enterprises in Sitka will be successful."

With more than 40 computers already in the state and many more expected, Data Processing soon may well be one of the most popular curricula at Sheldon Jackson College.

ALUMNI NOTES

Word has come from Willamette University, Salem, Oregon, that BILL ROYCE, Class of 1967, has been admitted to the College of Law at Willamette, and began his studies there in September.

SYLVIA HARTSELL ALFARO writes to ask about old SJ friends, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Stearly; George Shipley; Inga Olso (Goodwin); Joanie Gentala; Nelson Ahvakana; and Oliver Leavitt. We were able to find addresses for some of these, but not all. Can anyone help? Sylvia's address is: Rt. 1, Box 388, Moncks Corner, S. C., 29461. She writes, "I'd love to hear from some old friends."

Around campus this fall: RICK BAUDER and TIM TITTLE stopped by (it's on a direct route from Minneapolis) to say hello before reporting to San Jose State College for their junior year; and ALBERT KOOKESH visited at the same time, on his way to the University of Alaska, also for his junior year. KAREN STOCKDALE, of Eugene, Oregon, Class of 1969, is currently serving in the U. S. Air Force.

Transfer Flag Found

Esther Billman, Curator of the Sheldon Jackson Museum, has found the flag which was raised by the United States after the transfer of Alaska from Russia on October 18, 1867. The museum has been taking down many of the items which had been stored for years, in preparation for fumigation.



According to a card enclosed with the flag it was presented to the Sheldon Jackson Museum in 1896.

The flag was the subject of much discussion in the Sitka area in 1967 during the centennial celebration, when it was thought the flag was at the museum in Juneau.

Mrs. Billman said the flag was well cared for and had no moth damage. She said the museum did not have the space to display the flag completely unfurled, but would display it folded.

The museum was closed for fumigation during the first part of October for three days. All of the windows and cracks were sealed and methyl bromide was pumped into the building in order to kill an infestation of wood beetles.

All Play and No Work

For five SJ students, recently turned administrators, the above inside-out maxim seems far in the future. Beginning with the opening of school on September 2nd, the entire work program was turned over to a student committee for administration. This group of five students, together with an adult advisor, has set up procedures which cover the whole gamut of jobs to be done on campus, and has assigned student help to fill these jobs. All supervision of the student workers will center in the work committee, including work fines for tardiness, unacceptable work or absence; counseling with both students and staff

regarding quality of work being done; assigning and reassigning students until a competent work force has been assembled. College President Orin Stratton said staff people will be responsible only for direction of the job itself -- what is to be done and how it is to be done; all other responsibility is vested in the work committee.

The pioneers who have accepted this heavy responsibility are: Jack Goodwill, kitchen and dining room; Cathy Carlson, office services and teacher aids; Gordon Bayer, Student Center and Student Store; Bob Cunningham, janitorial services; and Vern Engasath, maintenance and operation. The adult advisor is Donna Kerr. During these beginning weeks, she has necessarily had to be actively involved in setting up and supervising the committee, but she hopes to have a Student Manager trained in time to take over direction of the Work Committee at the beginning of Spring Semester, when she will become strictly an advisor.

Heritage Comes Alive



Safe, cherished, but necessarily and inaccessibly buried as far as the public was concerned, lay the invaluable collection of glass plates of early Sitka made by E. W. Merrill. For years the Sheldon Jackson College Library has sought help in bringing these plates to life, but the project seemed hopeless. However, this year, the 175th anniversary of St. Michael's Russian Orthodox Cathedral, the dream came true. Sheldon Jackson College put on display in the Centennial Building 26 photographic prints dealing with Sitka's Russian heritage, particularly that of the Church. The prints were on display through mid-October.

Orin Stratton, College President, said that the work of making the prints from the glass plates in the Sheldon Jackson College Merrill collection was done by Donna Kerr who currently was working on the organization of the more than 500 plates in the collection. Stratton noted that Mrs. Kerr, who teaches Psychology, is an accomplished

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Starting Ahead

One of the very real needs especially in the isolated villages of Alaska, is to better prepare for public school the children from homes of limited educational stimulation. These children need a "headstart" to make it possible for them to reach anywhere near the national average of achievement. The program Headstart was formed for this purpose.

This past summer Sheldon Jackson campus was the scene of a Headstart Training Program, designed to train teachers and aides from rural areas throughout Alaska in the formation and operation of local headstart programs.

The first of two sessions began on June 8th and continued through July 3rd; the second ran from July 7th through August 1st. Students participated in workshops, classes, and in a Headstart demonstration program involving a number of Sitka children.

Those enrolled for the first session were: Adeline Jim, Angoon; Herman Joseph, Beaver; Ruth James, Diane Smith, and Mildred White of Hoonah; Rosaline Bell of Hydaburg; Tommy Fields, Teresa Folter, Velma Stein, and Cecilia Wood of Kotzebue; Anecia Ayojiak and Anuska Kusegta of Manokotak; Maryanna Patsy and Winnie Sipary of Nulato; Tim Wonhols of Nushagak; Laura Ramoth of Selawick; and Elean Shymn of Togiak.

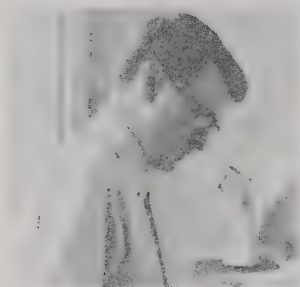
Annie Wherry, Director of the program, has spent the last year as Headstart Program Coordinator for Southeast Alaska. Arthur and Jody Tanner are from Fullerton, California; Jody was child development instructor, and Arthur was counselor, focusing on communication. Bruce Core, of Pasadena, California taught the demonstration Headstart class which was held in the old home economics room attached to Houk House. Mimi Whitmore of Anchorage prepared some para-professional students from the G. E. D. (general educational development) tests leading to a high school equivalency certificate. Secretary for the program was Kathy Hannafious of Sitka.

A romantic note was added to the program during the second session with the marriage of Mimi Whitmore and Bruce Core.

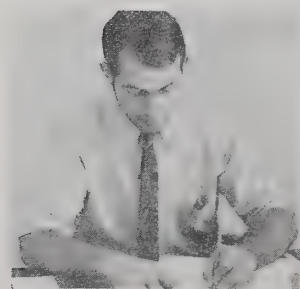
Some of the New Staff



Mrs. Sally Groenig is the Registrar for S.J. this year. She formerly was a first grade teacher at the Baranof Grade School. Her husband, Glen, is the Financial Aid Director, and also Business and Economics teacher for S.J. Mrs. Groenig is interested in knitting, sewing, golfing and swimming. She says she likes her work at S.J. The Groenigs live in Stuart Cottage on campus.



Edwin E. Auch is Bookkeeper/Accountant for S.J. He came here from West Fargo, North Dakota. While there, he was a grain elevator manager. Mr. Auch and his wife, Nancy, have three children, Colene, 10, Robert, 7, and Teri, 4. Squaredancing, gardening and woodwork of all types are Mr. Auch's hobbies. He very much likes the Sitka area, and enjoys his work here at S.J.



Rod Nutting is the Director of the new Data Processing class and Athletic Director. He and his wife, Faye, came to Sitka from Castro Valley, California, at the end of August. They very much like Sitka and enjoy the country immensely. While in Castro Valley, Mr. Nutting was the baseball and basketball coach for the high school and also amath instructor. His hobbies are fishing, hunting and sports.



Mrs. Elsie Anderson is the Head Resident Director and Counselor of the girl's dorm. She came to Sitka two months ago from Mayville State College in North Dakota. While there, she was Resident Director, Counselor, and College Nurse. She has three children, two sons and one daughter, all married, living in Minnesota. She enjoys sewing and loves Alaska.

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photographer herself whose work was the subject of a showing in New York.

Elbridge Warren Merrill, born in 1868, worked in Boston as an engraver and photographer before coming to Alaska during the Klondike Gold Rush. He landed in Sitka aboard a small steamboat that he helped build, and spent most of his life in Sitka.

He supported himself with odd jobs and photography, and for a time operated a photo and curio shop where the present National Bank of Alaska is now located. Merrill was interested in ethnology, anthropology, ornithology, and photography. He was instrumental in the formation of the Sitka National Monument and took hundreds of pictures over his thirty years here in Sitka.

The Last Word

T. V. talks about everything these days, even God, and we see it in Sitka, even if it is three weeks late. Nice to have a little hindsight to apply when watching current events. Having learned to do our homework in front of T. V. we thought we would write this before the screen. It's distracting now, though, as it was in more sophomoric days....but then they didn't talk about God. Mary McCarthy just told Dick Cavette she didn't believe in God, but was created a Christian without believing in Him. She said she'd fall apart without her beliefs...ver-r-ry interesting this T. V.

Verstovian readers, including you in the South 48, probably know enough about Alaska because of your interest in Sheldon Jackson College to realize that our island is better than a thousand miles away from North Slope. It's amusing for those living here though, to receive letters from friends and relatives assuming that the gushers are right around the next mountain. The lease sale netted the state \$10,000 for each taxpayer according to one mathematician. Of course they aren't

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sending out 5-figure checks to everyone. Our elected representatives will decide how it is spent. It should be comforting to know all that money is there, but somehow it's difficult to feel rich.

New roofing has been added to many of the buildings on campus, so for a while some of the buildings will have a brighter green than others - reminds us of our ROTC days when none of the uniforms quite matched any other one - but it won't be long until they have evened out. Every once in a while someone asks why the buildings have funny-shaped roofs. It's the Russian influence that was purposely introduced into the design of the older buildings to remind people of the Russian heritage of Alaska.

Another question that comes up now and again is what the purpose of SJ is these days...and President Orin Stratton explains that on the front inside page. Another educator we heard recently felt that a quality education asked not only How but Why. We hope that both of these are included in the learning process at SJ, as well as Who.

When you stop to think about it, an institution of higher learning is really a company of professionals offering their services to a select clientele. The clientele select the group of professionals who best suit their real or imagined needs. It's the system of supply and demand that is the heart of democracy. In this system the private institution must supply the wants of the student in a unique way, or he will turn to another source for his education. It means that a private institution must stay current, learn to innovate, in fact must lead the way much of the time if it is to have a growing student body. The private college is private enterprise, the competition that keeps all of higher education moving forward.

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STEVENSON HALL GETS NEW LOOK

Stevenson Hall spent almost forty years as a dormitory before it closed its doors with the termination of Sheldon Jackson High School. Since that time it sat silent, swallowing large volumes of materials for storage.

Work began recently to transfer the stored items and begin renewing the building to present standards as a college dormitory for women. Plans call for a living and reception area just inside the front entrance. This will necessitate moving the stairway entrance to the center of the building so that students going up and down stairs will not need to go through the living area.

The dorm mother's apartment is being redone and enlarged to include a private bathroom. All of the rooms are being refinished from top to bottom, including new walls, ceilings and fixtures. To meet new fire regulations, new room doors are being installed and a fire escape added. Furnishing will then be added.

Dr. Orin Stratton, President of Sheldon Jackson College, called the reopening of Stevenson a milestone for the college. "With the prospect of a thirty per cent increase in enrollment this fall, SJ would be faced with a major capital expenditure for housing if it were not for Stevenson Hall. The fact that we now once again will have the students to utilize this facility is an encouraging note in the growth of the institution," Stratton said.

CAMBRIDGE SCHOLAR VISITS SJ LIBRARY

Cambridge University's Dr. Terrence Armstrong, whose scholarly interests focus on the development of the Arctic lands of the Soviet Union, Alaska, Canada and Greenland, visited the Sheldon Jackson College Library recently to do research with the materials in the C. L. Andrews collection. C. L.

Andrews wrote "The Story of Sitka" in 1922, "The Story of Alaska" in 1931, "Nuggets of Northland Verse" in 1935, "Wrangell and the Gold of the Cassier" in 1937, and "The Eskimo and His Reindeer in Alaska" in 1939. He was born in Ohio and reared in Oregon and first came to Alaska in 1892.

PUBLICATION HONORS BASKETBALL PLAYERS

Gordon Bayer, Tom Hartig and Chuck McGraw have been honored in the 1970 volume of Outstanding College Athletes of America. Nominated by Sheldon Jackson earlier this year, the three athletes were chosen to appear in the awards publication on the basis of their achievements.

"It is the purpose of Outstanding College Athletes of America to recognize and encourage the all-round abilities of the young men who have distinguished themselves in the sports competition of our colleges. These young people carry the mantle of their school, their state, and their nation each time they participate in competitive sports," said John Putman, one of the 1966 Ten Outstanding Young Men of America award winners and President of the Foundation.

Criteria for selection include athletic sports achievements, leadership ability, athletic recognition and community service. Dr. Orin Stratton, noting the honor, said, "We are proud that these Sheldon Jackson Seal players have been honored in this way. They and their teammates have shown an outstanding spirit in the recently completed season and are a credit to their coach, Rod Nutting, and to their institution as well."

EARTH DAY OBSERVED

Students and staff, and some interested listeners from Sitka spent an hour and a half April 22 listening to three speakers on the environment and then split into groups to discuss the matter. It was all part of the national day of recognition called Earth Day.

On hand were George Gouker, Operation Manager, Alaska Lumber and Pulp Company; Bert Roberts, District Ranger for the North Tongass National Forest; and Dr. George Longenbaugh, Sitka physician who is a member of the Sitka Group, Alaska Chapter, Sierra Club and other conservation groups.

Main emphasis of the presentation was the need for man to control his waste disposal in the air and sea and on the land. It was pointed out that harvesting of natural resources often actually improves them, and a reforested area will support 16 people per acre with the oxygen produced, while an old forest may consume all the oxygen it produces.

New innovations by industry were examined. The Alaska Lumber and Pulp company will soon install a new kind of packing on one of the chimneys of its Sitka plant which will hopefully curb the white plume coming from the stack and reduce it to a small stream of

steam which will eventually return to the ocean. ALP is using propane powered trucks to cut pollution - reportedly up to 90%.

Concerns were expressed over the improvement and maintenance of environment. Areas to be worked on included the state ferry system which reportedly disposes of its garbage over the stern, adequate sewage treatment for Sitka, trails for the enjoyment of the outdoors. The need for wilderness areas was also discussed - setting aside relatively untouched areas. Dr. Longenbaugh called the wilderness problem acute in Alaska and that it had passed in the South 48.

CAMPUS PROFILES

New to SJ in August, the college's Chaplain and instructor in Bible and Philosophy, Rev. Bill Zeiger, came from a seven-year pastorate in Tieton (Yakima Co.), Washington. He had formerly served at Fairbanks, in southeast Alaska aboard both the Princeton-Hall and the Anna Jackman, and at Barrow. Bill is now conducting experimental ministries with the students.

Bill lives in Worster Cottage with his wife and three children.

INSTRUCTORS WIN GRANTS

Three Sheldon Jackson College instructors, Gladys Whitmore, Howard Stoner, and Eugene Buck, have received grants to continue their education during the summer months. Miss Whitmore had been accepted for the 1970 Institute of Physics Instructional Materials by the Pacific Northwest Association for College Physics.

Howard Stoner was awarded a grant of \$840 plus tuition to attend the National Science Foundation Institute for junior, community and small college teachers of mathematics June 22 through August 14 at the University of Oregon.

Eugene Buck was awarded \$1,000 to attend the National Science Foundation College Teachers Institute this summer. He will take two courses in Marine Ecology at Stanford University in California.



WORK BEGINS ON HYDRO PROJECT

Laurence Doig and Chester Latta begin rebuilding the penstock, first phase of a \$27,000 project to put the SJ hydroelectric generator back in operation. Work will require a new interior turbine and new pressure-treated wood stave pipe from the flume to the generator. The new pipe, \$16,000 worth, is expected to outlast the present pipe which served for forty years. The generator, which produces \$30 worth of electricity each day, has been out of service since July 28, 1969. Funding for the project is from the Presbyterian Church's \$50 Million Fund.

COLLEGE TAKES STEP TOWARD CONTROL BY TRUSTEES

Sheldon Jackson College has taken the first step to begin operation under a Board of Trustees with the Sheldon Jackson Advisory Board meeting to consider the matter and then adjourning as the Interim Board of Trustees. The group, which has been strictly advisory in nature, will eventually be given power to run the institution, although it will still be owned by the Board of National Missions of the United Presbyterian Church in the USA. The next time the interim board will meet it will have 18 members instead of 12 and will include a higher percentage of Alaskan Natives. Presently there are two Native members.

Dr. Orin Stratton, President of the college welcomed the impending change of control saying, "The Board of Missions has always supported the college in its service to Alaskans and will strengthen the institution further by allowing a group closer to the college and its special functions to Alaska to set the policy for Sheldon Jackson College."

Stratton praised the Advisory Board for its outstanding contribution in the past and said he looked forward to working with them as a Board of Trustees. As yet, however, no date has been set for the Interim Board of Trustees to assume full authority.

Dr. Douglas Trout, former President of Tusculum College in Greenville, Tennessee acted as consultant while the matter was discussed with the advisory board.

Dr. Trout said, "I believe that with Dr. Stratton's proven leadership, the outstanding academic qualifications of the faculty and the genuine concern for the students' welfare shared by all on the staff, Sheldon Jackson College has the potential of becoming a most sought-after institution."

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The SJ recruiters, as they travel around the state, have reported pleasant conversations with Mary Smith in Wrangell who attended SJ in 1915. . . Fred Hamilton in Craig who took high school and post high school work, 1940-44. . . Yasuko Ebinuma is now working at the World's Fair "Expo 70" in Osaka. She works in the Hatachi Group Pavilion and would be happy to see anyone from Sheldon Jackson. . . Mrs. Edith Tegoseak has been notified by the Army that her son Bill Tegoseak has been selected as the Outstanding Soldier of the Month. Tegoseak is stationed in Saigon after having spent a year in Germany. He is with the Headquarters Company, the U.S. Army Engineer Construction Agency Vietnam. To win the honor, Specialist Tegoseak appeared before a board of Senior Non-Commissioned Officers of USAECV along with other outstanding soldiers, who were all tested in many military and general subjects. Tegoseak was considered the most outstanding among the group. Tegoseak expects to be returned from Vietnam next month. . . M. Healey Wolfe has corresponded with the college recently. He attended the institution from 1890-1896. . .



SJC GOES TO THE FAIR

Sheldon Jackson College participated in the April Sitka Trade Fair held at the Sitka Centennial Building. Activities at the college's booth centered around demonstrations representing evening classes offered. Included were painting, aviation, chemistry, computer programming, books and magazines, ceramics, math, taxidermy, Russian culture, anthropology, forestry and logging. The demonstrations were changed each hour during the thirty hours that the trade fair was opened to the public. In addition, visitors to the booth were asked to fill out entry blanks for a drawing each hour that gave away a free swim or museum ticket and a larger drawing that gave away a free night course to three winners.

NBA DONATION RECEIVED

Fred Flanders, the manager of the Sitka Branch of the National Bank of Alaska, has presented a check from the state-wide institution to Dr. Orin Stratton, President of Sheldon Jackson College. The \$2,000 grant is to be used in funding student scholarships.

Upon receiving the check Dr. Stratton said, "Although I receive this check ultimately on behalf of the students who will receive the aid, it is also rewarding to realize the trust and confidence this large bank has in our institution in making such a grant."

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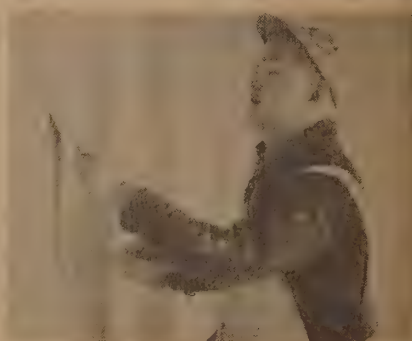


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FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

With the rapid expansion of our studentbody next year, renovation of Stevenson Hall for women is a top priority. Although this older building with Russian style roof is structurally sound, it needs internal modernization to upgrade it to college residence hall standards. Friends and alumni who may have lived in Stevenson Hall may wish to contribute to this modernization. Here are some of the specific costs which individuals and groups can fund. Renovation of individual rooms with furnishings, \$345. Renovation of residence hall counselor's apartment, \$1,000. Rug for counselor's apartment, \$400. Rug for lounge, \$300. Bed, mattress, and springs, \$100. Kitchen stove for residence hall counselor's apartment, \$200. Refrigerator, sink, \$200 to \$300. Lounge furniture, \$1,600. Drapes, \$500.

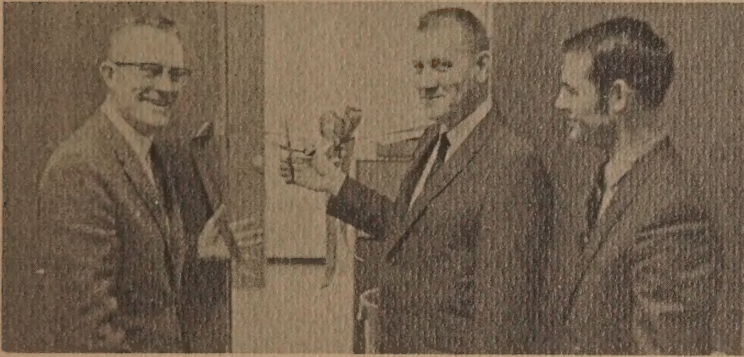
Brass donor's identification plates will be displayed for each contribution. Something is happening at Sheldon Jackson College! The decade of the seventies is before us and we are planning and thinking ahead for these fighting years of expansion. The computer on our campus symbolizes the years ahead and how modern technology will influence the lives of human beings. We intend to continue to be a part of the unknown frontier of life and knowledge which has been characteristic of Sheldon Jackson Schools. We intend to remain loyal and committed, as an institution, to Jesus Christ, Who provides us with courage and motivation to develop an institution which is worthy of His name. Join us in this exciting adventure of faith and work by your prayers and financial support.





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MAYOR OPENS COMPUTER CENTER

Les Shepard, Mayor of Sitka, officially marked the opening of Sheldon Jackson College Computer Center on Saturday, November 29th when he cut a blue ribbon across the doorway to the Administration building room where the computer components are housed. Intended for use by the students of the data processing courses, the IBM 1130 computer is the first in the state for primary training.

IBM systems engineer Norman Kaminsky demonstrated the computer to the community and held seminars for staff and students. He said the computer can make more than 100,000 additions per second, far faster than any system can enter the computations into the computer. Kaminsky demonstrated a simple payroll program which he said was also pointed out that his company's machine was "extremely suitable for scientific uses".

Dr. Orin Stratton, President of Sheldon Jackson College responding to a question from a visitor said, "We hope that the community will find uses for the computer. Right now we need someone to program it for community needs. We hope to develop the expertise to meet this need either through our own data processing curriculum, which is nearing the end of the first semester, or an outside service business which

would utilize our facilities to offer specific computer applications to the community. After all," he said, "the computer operates 24 hours a day, and although our data processing course is very successful we use it for this purpose only a small percentage of the time. The rest of the time the community should be able to take advantage of this resource."

NEW LIBRARY SYSTEM

S. J. students are now enjoying using a library with only one library classification system.

During the summer of 1969 a Library Crash Program was conducted at Sheldon Jackson College. Eight voluntary librarians and seven volunteer clerk-typists participated in the re-cataloging of 7,000 volumes in the Dewey Decimal Classification to the Library of Congress System. Mrs. Violet Sell a volunteer retired librarian recruited most of the workers and was in charge of the crash program.

"THE CITY I LIKED BEST IN ALASKA...."

That's a common comment from many of the thousands of people who visit Sitka each year. Sitka is becoming a popular tourist daily by jets and several S. E. Alaska ferries each week.

In addition, in 1970, sixty-four boats will bring 16,000 people to the city. The ships include some of the largest and the most luxurious in the world.

If you plan to visit Sitka, we cordially invite you to visit the Sheldon Jackson campus. We think the museum and other points of interest on campus will be a meaningful part of your stay.

BEHOLD YOUR QUEEN

Suspense was the byword. Dresses were pressed again, songs rehearsed, poetry and drama repeated once more, mirrors used over-time. Seven attractive, talented young ladies from Mt. Edgecumbe High School, Sitka High School and from Sheldon Jackson College were competing for Miss Sitka - and, potentially, Miss America. Who would win?

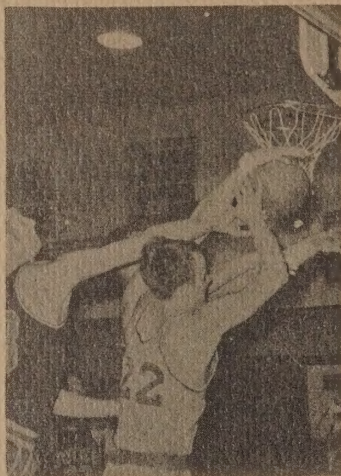
At 10:00 p.m., October 16th, Cathy Lynne Carlson, 19, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles E. Carlson, Bellevue, Washington, and a second-year student at Sheldon Jackson College, was crowned Miss Sitka 1970 at the Centennial Building before a capacity crowd.

The judging was done by five non-Sitkans. The girls modeled swim suits and evening gowns, were interviewed by the judges and also answered pop questions, and demonstrated a talent of their own choice. Points were totaled and the decision announced.

Miss Carlson wore a leather swim suit and her evening gown was a gold dress with straight skirt and side overpanel. Her talent consisted of a dramatic reading of an original monologue representing Princess Maksutof sadly contemplating her future following the purchase of Alaska by the United States.

Cathy has been active in school activities, is one of the five student heads of the work committee, was one of the featured students in the S.J. film, "The Sea Lion", is interested in dramatics, dancing, tutoring of Mt. Edgecumbe students, and in a future of teaching in one of Alaska's village schools. As Miss Sitka she will represent the city in many activities including the Miss Alaska pageant in Anchorage in March.

The Sitka pageant was sponsored by the Epsilon Chapter of the Beta Sigma Phi.



SEALS FIND SLIPPERY GOING

Beginning their third intercollegiate season, under the leadership of Coach Rod Nutting, the Sheldon Jackson College Seals lost their first six games in a row to visiting Judson Baptist College and Southwestern Oregon. Although the Seals played hard and spirited ball, their height disadvantage with both teams cost them many points. However, when Concordia College came to town in December, it was a different story, as the teams were more evenly matched, and S.J. took both the games. The Seals beat the Cavaliers 74 to 64 and 85 to 82 in the two games played. The scoring the first night was lead by Tom Hartig of Pierce, Idaho who dropped in 24 points and the second night by Chuck McGraw of Sitka who had 20 points.

The Seals played their home games this year at the Mt. Edgecumbe High and Sitka High School and Sheldon Jackson gymnasium. The best crowds were drawn at the Mt. Edgecumbe gymnasium where more than 500 students viewed the games.

The Seals go on the road starting January 24th with two games at Big Bend Community College at Moses Lake, Washington. Next they meet Northwest College in

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Eugene King visited the S.J. campus in October. King was born in Haines and presently resides in Douglas. He attended Sheldon Jackson from 1931 to 1937, both the grade school and the high school. He came to S.J. from Haines House.

King was involved in heavy construction and roadbuilding after attending S.J. He lost his sight in 1941. Recently he has been employed in the Multi-Wall Bag Industry for St. Regis Paper Co.

He was in Sitka October 24th as a special speaker for the U. N. Day for the Baha'i faith at the request of the National Spiritual Assembly of the Baha'i of America.

Kirkland, Washington, January 29th and then two games with Trinity College January 30th in Langley, British Columbia. They finish the season with two games at Alaska Methodist University in Anchorage February 13th and 14th.

During halftime of the second Concordia game, Linda Bergdoll of Sitka was elected Queen of Courts in a vote by the student body and crowned in a short ceremony at the Sitka High gym.



VINCENT PRICE DISCOVERS S. J. MUSEUM

Actor Vincent Price spent more than an hour at the Sheldon Jackson Museum last fall where he visited with friend Dr. Erna Gunther and examined many of the artifacts on display. Price who was on his way to speak to the Tundra Times Convention in Fairbanks, is an avid art collector and was impressed with the many items of Alaskan culture at the Museum. Dr. Gunther whose home is in Seattle, was volunteering her time to rearranging and cataloging the S. J. Museum.

Price came at an opportune time as many extra pieces of the museum's Eskimo collection, the largest in the world, were out for inspection, preparatory to fumigation.

SWEAZY VISITS S. J. C.

The moderator of the United Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A., the highest elected official of the 3.3 million member denomination, visited the Sheldon Jackson College campus on a trip through Alaska. Speaking at the college chapel the moderator, Dr. George Sweazy, went into the activities of the church and some of the events that have affected it lately. He talked about black militant James Foreman who spoke from the platform of the General Assembly in San Antonio last May. Referring to the encounter Dr. Sweazy said "Foreman is angry with the church and calling for its overthrow. He despairs of any good of the church. I have great hope for the church, I love it and am dedicated to its strengthening."

SEMESTER SPLIT, STUDENTS SPLIT

Normal semester studies, except for science laboratories, are usually limited, because of time, to listening and reading. To expand these forms of learning, about 70 to 100 colleges in the United States use a system known as the Interim plan. This is being tested at Sheldon Jackson College this year and all indications are that it will prove popular and successful.

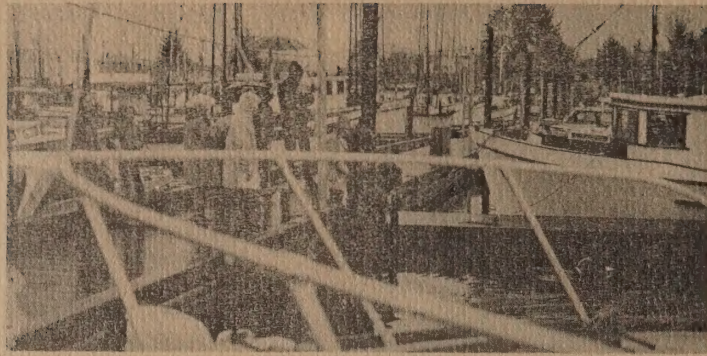
At Sheldon Jackson College the plan calls for 16 weeks of study, one month of study, and another 16 weeks of study. The one month of study comes during January and allows students to choose such courses as Ethnic Arts, Biology of the King Crab, Investment for Laymen, Speedreading in French, Internship in State and Local Government, Shape of Things to Come, and a Native Land Claims Seminar among others. Many of these courses include "on-the-scene" observations and participation.

The students may also choose to pursue independent studies, or even study at another college or university under an exchange program with those institutions offering a similar program. This year students have chosen to make trips to New Zealand, Germany, Seattle, and outlying villages in Alaska. Some of the students are remaining on campus to study in depth certain subjects which might not otherwise be possible.

Calendar Well Received, Price Tag Added

The calendar of prints made from original glass prints by E.W. Merrill, which was first mentioned in the last *Verstovian*, has received more than 50 requests to date. In order to fill these orders and the anticipated ones in the future, and in order to allow the many visitors to Sitka the opportunity to possess these prints the college has decided to put a nominal charge of \$1.95 on each calendar produced and to have them printed outside the school. It was announced in the last issue of the *Verstovian* that the calendars would be free and those requesting before January 1, 1970 will indeed receive a free copy. However, many of those who have requested the calendar have included a donation with their request.

Dr. Stratton, President of the college, said, "Students and educators alike have long felt a need for the student to go into the field on an extended basis for study. It was for this situation that the interim semester plan was developed. We feel it will be particularly valuable to the Alaskan student to help him broaden his knowledge about the world around him." A side benefit of the Interim plan is the termination of first semester before Christmas vacation for students.



SHOOTING IN THE RAIN - Everyone gets wet in this scene from "The Sea Lions, Etc." Diver at right said he didn't mind the rain at all.

HOLLYWOOD, ALASKA

Not quite, but certainly many of the joys and tribulations of movie-making became better understood when almost the entire college campus contributed to the six dawn-to-dark days of Sheldon Jackson's first motion picture filming.

High Call Productions of Seattle, Washington, aided immensely by sound and script contributions of S. J. staff members, Ed Scholz and Donna Kerr, filmed the picture on college life in November. The film, "Sea Lions, etc." will be used for recruiting students.

The Last Word

Edmund J. Gleazer, Jr. puts down those who put down junior and community colleges in the September issue of the Junior College Journal.

In his editorial entitled "The Prestige Factor," Gleazer says much of the criticism of Junior colleges comes from "learned university types who quite frankly often speak from a lack of knowledge." They say junior colleges can not attract good teachers because they lack "prestige."

"Community and junior colleges, especially those which are willing to depart from the traditions, if necessary, to carry out their mission have their own part of prestige. If we are honest about it, we would not trade that kind of status for the Harvards and Stanfords. We've just got to earn it and that we can do."

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